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Time Bombs Explode at 2 Branches of Central Bank

Seven Killed, Scores Wounded In Anti-Chungking Outrages

TERRORISM rocked the city yesterday, resulting in the wounding of 35 persons, one dying later, when a time bomb exploded on the first floor of the China Motors building at 702 Bubbling Well Road (Burkill Road entrance) occupied by the Central Bank of China, at 3.55 p.m. Another bombing outrage was reported in the French Concession, where another branch of the Central Bank of China was chosen by terrorists (see column 1). Yet another Chungking bank nearly became the scene of gory spectacle, this time the Farmers' Bank at 984 Avenue Road at 3.30 p.m. The explosion was averted when police had been informed and the bomb had been made safe.

At noon as the bomb had exploded, U. S. Marines, who were at their club, rushed to the scene and brought ladders. They climbed to the first floor and carried the wounded down and to the club where first aid treatment was given them. Fire Brigade ambulances came at 4.05 p.m. and took them to hospital.

This was believed to be another act of retaliation against Chungking banks in Shanghai, following close on the heels of the mass assassination of employees of the Farmers' Bank in the French Concession and the arrest of 128 clerks of the Bank of China in their dormitory in Jessfield Road.

Six Die From Time Bomb Explosion

Two Others Wounded in Attack on Central Bank Premises in Canidrome

Six Chinese, one a girl of twenty, were killed outright, and two others wounded following a tremendous explosion from a time bomb placed in a room under the staircase of the Shanghai Office of the Central Bank of China, housed in the former ballroom of the Canidrome on Avenue du Roi Albert. Four of the dead were bicycle coolies attached to the bank; one was the chief of a bank department and the other was a young Chinese woman who happened to be passing through the premises. The mother of this woman and a cook attached to the Canidrome were wounded. No one in the actual offices, which are on the first floor, was hurt, although the force of the explosion smashed every window in the building. All the dead were either at the bottom of the staircase or ascending when the bomb went off.

The explosion occurred about 3 p.m. after officials and assistants of the bank had removed most of the important documents and archives from the bank which procedure commenced in the morning. There were, however, scores of bank employees left in the building in the afternoon but if the explosion had happened in the morning, more persons would have been killed. Following the blast French police carried out extra-precautionary measures in many streets and placed barbed wire entanglements and all cars were searched.

"Immediately after the explosion which took us completely by surprise, we closed the gates to see whether or not bomb tossers would run out. We were ready to shoot at terrorists but we did not see any such persons running towards the gates. We therefore thought that the bomb must have been placed inside the building some time before it exploded." In these words one of the bank's watchmen told of what he knew of the origin of the incident. It was generally believed that the missile had been secretly placed in the bank by politically inspired terrorists. Nobody saw any one handle the bomb.

Press Barred from Premises

While no newspapermen were allowed to enter the building to ascertain results of the explosion, the extent of damage caused as revealed by those who could enter the building indicated that the bomb must have been of a large size. It was said that besides the building itself some furniture still left inside the building was damaged.

Heart-rending scenes were witnessed when ambulances came and went to carry victims to hospitals. One eye-witness said that he saw a decapitated male Chinese while other victims who died had been disfigured and dismembered beyond recognition. It was difficult to ascertain the names of all victims. One aged woman who happened to be inside the building was killed while her daughter was seriously injured. Among the bank employees killed was the vice-departmental head of the business affairs office Mr. Chen Chung-kwang. He arrived at his office by car only about two minutes before the explosion occurred. He was said to be the only high official present at the time.

Most of the important officials and many assistants of the bank, which is under the direct control of Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance at Chungking and concurrently governor of the Bank, moved to Hongkong and Chungking long ago. Despite their withdrawal, a Shanghai office has been maintained in the Canidrome building where the Shanghai Office of the Central Trust is also located. The former head office of the bank, situated at 15 the Bund was taken over by Nanking many weeks ago to house its Shanghai Office of the Central Reserve Bank, the inauguration of which marked the beginning of a most fierce financial war between the two main political factions in the country.

Bank Employees "Arrested"

Two employees of the Bank of Communications were reported last night by the "China Evening News" to have been arrested by "certain quarters" shortly after 11 p.m. on Sunday. The seizures were said to have been made inside a house in San Yi Fang in Jessfield Road. They are ordinary employees. One of them is Mr. Liang Tien-hsiang, a clerk employed by the bank's branch in Nanking Road while the other is Mr. Chang Ling, a clerk of the safety box department of the institution.

Yesterday's explosion was probably the biggest to occur since the 1937 hostilities and damage caused to the building was tremendous, both entrances to the building, from Bubbling Well and Burkill Roads being literally filled with broken glass.

The circumstances leading to the explosion were as follow:

At about 3.30 p.m. a Chinese, dressed in the green uniform of a postman came to the first floor of the building, occupied by the Central Bank of China, and handed a little box to a clerk. He then left without asking for a receipt. An employee then opened the box and saw a clock in it.

Police Try to Clear Premises

Suspecting foul play, employees put a call through to the Sinza Road police station and detectives were sent to the bank premises, with Det. Serg. R. J. Thoemmes in charge. The police officer, sensing that the clock was a time bomb, ordered the men to run out. The majority of employees, however, were still on the premises when the explosion occurred.

The whole building shook as the bomb went off. People rushed to and fro, some panic-stricken, others calmer, trying to help the injured. A call was put through to Police and Fire Brigade Headquarters, and the Reserve Unit and fire engines were immediately despatched to the scene of the outrage. An ambulance, sent to convey the wounded to hospital, was found to be insufficient and a second and third were immediately ordered out.

Among those injured, it was learned later, was C.P.C. 2778, who was later removed from Paulun Hospital to the Police Hospital in Ward Road. His injuries were not believed to be very serious.

The whole area was cordoned off by the police and barricades were erected at the intersection of Bubbling Well and Chengtu Roads, where vehicles were allowed to proceed only after searches had been made. The back entrance to the China Motors, on Burkill Road, was cleared of public and policemen of the Reserve Unit were stationed at the corner of Burkill and Tatung Roads and Burkill and Carter Roads, to keep everybody away.

30 lb. of TNT

A reporter of the "North-China Daily News," who arrived at the scene of the explosion a few minutes after the bomb had gone off, witnessed a scene reminiscent of the Sino-Japanese hostilities of 1937. The bomb, which was believed to have

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Third Bombing Attack Proves Abortive

Bravery of Manager of Farmers Bank Averts Another Tragedy

A third attack on a Chungking bank, the Farmers Bank, yesterday afternoon proved abortive following prompt and courageous action by the manager who disconnected the mechanism of a time bomb sent to the premises only a few minutes before it was set to explode. This attempt took place at 3.15 p.m., some fifteen minutes after the terrible explosion at the Canidrome. When police were summoned to the Farmers Bank, on Avenue Road, they examined the weapon, and found that it contained over 30lb. of high explosives sufficient to wreck the whole building. The total weight of the bomb was about 60 lb.

The method of getting the bomb on the premises of the bank was identical to that used at the Central Bank of China on Bubbling Well Road. A Chinese, dressed as a postman, but without a cap, brought a large parcel to the Bank and delivered it to a coolie. He stated that he came from the Post Office Savings Bank. The parcel was wrapped in brown paper, and was so carefully prepared that it bore a Hongkong stamp and postmark.

The parcel was addressed to the manager of the bank and the coolie took it upstairs to his superior's office. The manager started to unwrap the package, but became suspicious and telephoned to Bubbling Well Police Station. A party of detectives was sent from the station to examine the parcel.

In the meantime the manager continued to undo the parcel and, on opening it, found that it contained a wooden crate inside a card board box. When he removed the lid he saw a small clock underneath, connected to the body of the bomb by wires. Without a moment's hesitation he pulled the wires from the explosive, thus rendering the weapon harmless. He and the coolie then carried it downstairs.

When detectives arrived they dismantled the bomb and discovered that it was timed to go off just two minutes later. The package was found to contain a block of T N T 9-in. cube, weighing about 30 lb. The mechanism also included two detonators and two batteries. The weapon was by no means a home-made affair and is thought to have been constructed in a fully equipped arsenal.

The bravery of the Chinese manager of the bank was certainly the means of averting another tragedy similar to the other two. Had he not acted swiftly in rendering the bomb harmless the whole premises would have been destroyed, possibly with heavy casualties.

Rationing in Bulgaria

London, Mar. 24.

Butter, vegetable oils and lard will be rationed in Bulgaria this week, and cards for that purpose will be issued to the populace, states a Sofia report quoted by the Moscow Radio.

Shortage of foodstuffs, the Moscow Radio adds, is now notable in the Bulgarian capital, where beef is almost unobtainable, and the sale of bread is rigorously restricted.—Reuter.

Japanese Surprise Landing in South China Effected

Powerful Detachment Said Put Ashore on North Shore of Honghai Bay at Dusk

Canton, Mar. 24.

A POWERFUL detachment of the Japanese expeditionary forces in South China effected a surprise landing on the northern shore of Honghai Bay, north of Bias Bay at dawn today. The landing was covered by a naval unit, the High Command of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in South China announced in a communique this morning.

The Japanese detachment is driving towards an undisclosed place, in concert with those Japanese troops which recently landed on the peninsula east of Bias Bay, the communique says.

Another Japanese unit landed near Swatow under the cover of dusk yesterday. Assisted by military aircraft, the Japanese unit occupied Chaoyang this morning after routing 5,000 Chinese troops and militiamen.—Reuter.

Chaoyang Captured

With a Japanese Force in Eastern Kwangtung, Mar. 24.

The walled town of Chaoyang, goods distribution centre in eastern Kwangtung, fell into the Japanese hands at 7.50 o'clock this morning when a crack Japanese unit, assisted by army aircraft, defeated Chungking troops defending the town.

Effecting a landing in the neighbourhood of Swatow yesterday evening, the Japanese unit fought their way to the west, breaking through the enemy defence lines and crossed the Tahao Canal at Tungkiao before launching a lightning attack on Chaoyang.—Domei.

Swabue Captured

Canton, Mar. 24.

Swabue, eastern Kwangtung province port on Honghai Bay, situated halfway between Hongkong and Swatow, was occupied by a Japanese detachment which landed this morning.

The landing, carried at 5.30 o'clock, was effected without meeting resistance.—Domei.

Japanese Occupy Shangkao

Somewhere in Kiangsi Province, Mar. 24.

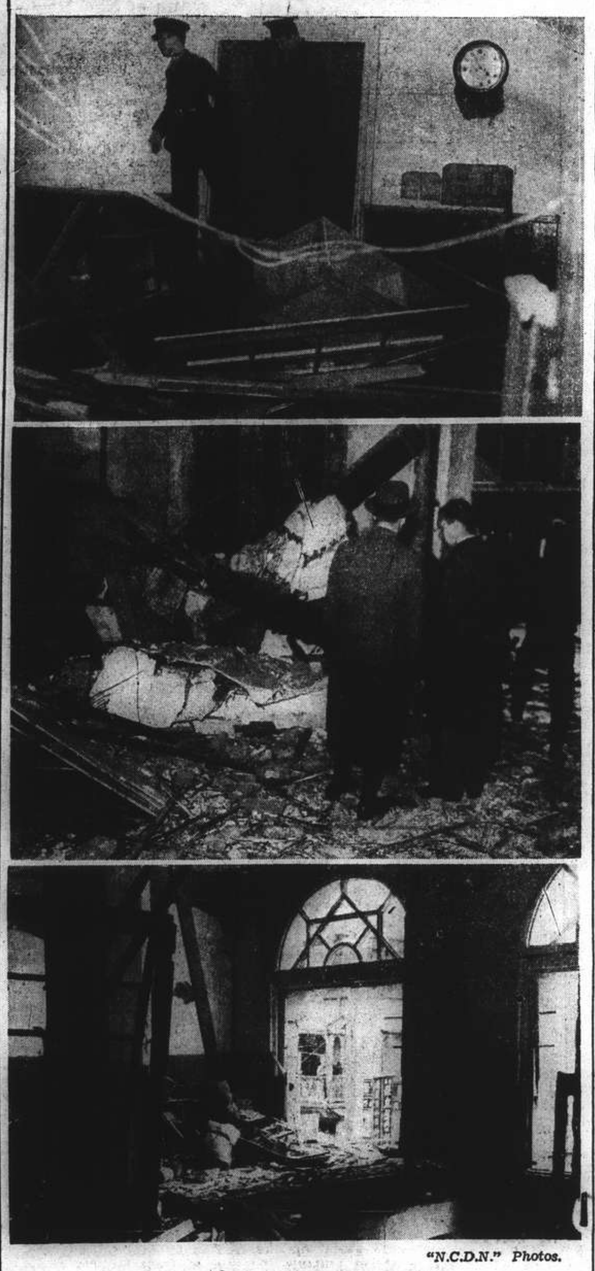
Sweeping down from surrounding heights, four Japanese columns at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon smashed their way into Shangkao, principal stronghold of Chungking's war zone, where the headquarters of the 19th Group Army are located.

This is the first time since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities that Japanese forces have entered Shangkao.—Domei.

Blockade Extended

To those areas already included in the "peaceful blockade" of the China coast by the Japanese Navy have been added other sectors in which all shipping will be banned, according to a communique issued at 10 o'clock yesterday morning by Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Seas Fleet.

Honghai Wan, Kitchioh Wan, and their neighbouring waters north of a line connecting the Fokai Promontory, Chiland Chiao and Tongmi Chiao on the Kwangtung coast will be included. The blockade in these waters will become effective at noon on Tuesday, March 25.



"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Central Bank of China Bombing Outrage

The above photos give a clear description of the damages caused by the explosion of a time bomb at the premises occupied by the Central Bank of China above the China Motors at 702 Bubbling Well Road (Burkill Road Entrance) at 3.55 p.m. yesterday. The top picture shows two members of the U.S. Marines surveying the débris on the first floor of the building, where the bomb exploded. The clock, it may be noted, stopped at the time of the explosion. The middle photo shows two members of the Shanghai Municipal Police, Det. Sub-Insp. T. H. Darvill and Sub-Insp. F. A. Ewins, on the ground floor looking over the destruction caused by the explosion. This débris constituted the ceiling of the first floor, which fell through. Another scene of the damage is shown below where is pictured an office of the Central Reserve Bank with the furniture smashed up and a window blown to bits.

British Bombers Raid Berlin, Hanover and Kiel Again

Severe Attacks Made on French Coast Bases; Flashes Seen From South East England

London, Mar. 24.

BERLIN was raided again last night for the 38th time since the outbreak of war. Official quarters here describe the raid as "substantial, but not particularly heavy. The R.A.F. also made a short attack on the invasion ports during the night, including targets in the Calais area. The explosion of heavy bombs was heard from the south-east English coast, and the flashes could be seen despite the heavy mist over the French coast.

The attack on Berlin was admitted by the Berlin radio announcer, who stated that "a number of bombers took part, but that only a few succeeded in reaching the centre of the city, where they dropped high-explosive bombs from a great height.

"Here, as well as on the outskirts of Berlin, only residential buildings were hit, and slight damage done. A number of attic fires were quickly extinguished, but several civilians were killed and wounded." The announcer added that other British aircraft penetrated into northern Germany.

The naval base at Kiel and Germany's principal railway junction and distribution centre at Hanover were again also targets of the Royal Air Force last night, it is learned in London.

Several heavy explosions in Hanover were observed from the distance by other bombers taking part in the raid on Berlin.

A German broadcast to the United States, however, declared that the British bombers only got as far as the outskirts of Berlin. The announcer contradicted his own report by adding that incendiary bombs were dropped on the diplomatic quarter of Berlin.

It is pointed out that the Berlin diplomatic quarter is in the centre of the city, near the Wilhelmstrasse, where most of the German offices are housed.—Reuter.

British Raid Brittany

Coastal Command aircraft paid a visit to the French coast yesterday morning, destroyed a block of German barracks at the port of Quiberon, a submarine base in Brittany, and scored a direct hit on the enemy escort vessel near Brest. No British aircraft was missing from these operations, the Air Ministry states.

One pilot said that French fishermen in their boats and mending their nets on the shore, as well as other Bretons who were on the beaches, waved cheerfully when they saw the British markings on the aeroplanes. —Reuter.

Churchgoers Watch Battle

Before a large crowd of people coming from church, British fighters [Reuter.

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British Capture Important City

Neghelli Taken; Ring Tightens Around Addis Ababa in Abyssinia

Cairo, Mar. 24.

The British ring round Addis Ababa, capital of Abyssinia, has been further tightened with the capture of Neghelli, strategic town in southern Abyssinia.

The importance of Neghelli lies in the fact that it dominates cross-roads leading north, east and west. Imperial forces are now in a position to strike due north in the direction of Addis Ababa, about 275 miles away.

The country is low-lying, and a track running through valleys would enable British forces to make fairly unhampered progress, according to a military expert.

The fall of Neghelli is a particularly bitter blow to Marshal Graziani, who was given the title of Marquis of Neghelli in recognition of his rapid advance when Italy invaded Abyssinia.

In announcing the occupation of Neghelli, a British communique adds that operations in all other areas of Abyssinia continue to develop to the advantage of the British.

Fighting at Keren

In the Keren area, it states, fighting continues, and on Saturday British troops registered a number of local successes.

Intensive patrol activity plays a large part in British siege methods round Keren. When a British patrol encountered an enemy force in the neighbourhood of one fort, they summoned artillery support. British guns promptly opened fire, aided by which a British party inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and took 130 prisoners, all without loss to themselves.

An example of the courage and endurance of Imperial troops is furnished by two Indian machine-gunners,

[Reuter.

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Matsuoka Has Meeting With Molotov

Two Foreign Ministers Confer at Kremlin

Moscow, Mar. 24.

Highlighting a busy stop-over in the Soviet capital, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, this afternoon met the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Viacheslav Molotov, at the Kremlin.

Mr. Matsuoka, who arrived here yesterday afternoon and who spent the night in the official Soviet guest house, proceeded to the Japanese Embassy at 10 o'clock this morning and was introduced to the staff of the Embassy by the Ambassador, Lieut.-Gen. Yoshitsugu Tatekawa.

After conferring with Mr. Tatekawa until noon, the Japanese Foreign Minister received calls from the German Ambassador, Count Werner von der Schulenburg, and the Italian Ambassador, Sig. Augusto Rosso. Immediately after the call made by Sig. Rosso, the Japanese Foreign Minister received the Ministers of Hungary, Slovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria.

After attending Count von der Schulenburg's luncheon at 2 o'clock, Mr. Matsuoka proceeded to the Kremlin to meet the Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov. Mr. Matsuoka was reported to have expressed thanks over the special facilities extended to his mission by the Soviet government.

Mr. Matsuoka will leave for Berlin at 11 o'clock tonight from the Belo-Russia Station. He declared that he was desirous of paying his respects to Mr. Josef Stalin, if a meeting could be arranged. He added that he was "deeply appreciative" of the attention given him during his journey.—Domei.

Sees British Envoy

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

The official calls in Moscow of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, included a call on Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. Later Mr. Matsuoka called on the Ambassador of the French Vichy Government, according to a semi-official Japanese report.—Reuter.

War or Peace

Moscow, Mar. 24.

War or peace may be decided by the trip to Rome and Berlin of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, he said here yesterday.

Arriving at the station here from Tokyo, Mr. Matsuoka was greeted by diplomats and correspondents and announced he was going to Rome and Berlin to meet the Axis leaders because "the question of war or peace may depend on my personal acquaintanceship" with the Axis leaders.

"The Tripartite Pact," Mr. Matsuoka said, "is the greatest international instrument and the pivot of Japanese foreign policy. I wish to reiterate and emphasize this.

"I owe my country a visit enabling me to meet the Axis leaders because personal friendship or enmity may have the greatest influence on human history," Mr. Matsuoka said.

Invited by Ribbentrop

Mr. Matsuoka said he was going to Berlin at the invitation of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, which the latter extended during a telephone conversation with Mr. Matsuoka when the Tripartite Pact was signed last September 27. Mr. Matsuoka said he also conversed by long-distance telephone with Premier Benito Mussolini the same day.

"I met Premier Mussolini eight years ago," Mr. Matsuoka said, "but I have not had the privilege of meeting Chancellor Adolf Hitler, Reich Marshal Hermann Goering or Herr von Ribbentrop.

"Following conclusion of the Tripartite Pact," Mr. Matsuoka said, "I naturally wish to meet the Axis leaders and hear what they say and perhaps say something myself."

[United Press.

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Yugoslavia Prepares To Sign With Axis

Premier Said Leaving for Berlin; Vacancies In Cabinet Filled; Public Resentment Mounts Against Act Unworthy of Serbian Tradition

Belgrade, Mar. 24.

AFTER ten rejections by Cabinet members, the Government today seemed determined to adhere to a special form of the Tripartite Pact despite growing public resentment and the concentration of British troops along the Yugoslav frontier in the vicinity of the Vardar Valley.

Some quarters believed that the mounting public resentment here was just as determined to reject the idea of such a pact as unworthy of Serbian fighting tradition. Observers believe that "anything may happen" if the Government adheres to the pact.

After conferences lasting until 2 a.m. today, M. Milan Constantinovic, M. Ikonic, and M. Nikovic agreed to accept membership in the Cabinet as Ministers of Justice, Social Welfare and Agriculture respectively, reliable sources said today.

British Forces on Border

Arrival of British troops on the frontier heightened tension here and Yugoslavia appeared torn between a reported German ultimatum on one side and British troops poised to strike on the other.

Germans Move Fast Towards Greece

Belgrade, Mar. 24.

Large formations of German troops are reported to have been seen advancing rapidly through the Struma Valley towards the Greek frontier.—Reuter.

German Communique

London, Mar. 24.

A significant statement that German troop movements in Bulgaria are proceeding according to plan, is contained in a communique issued by the German High Command this morning.—Reuter.

At least 35,000 mechanized troops were said to be north of Salonika in addition to colonial troops, including Poles, Czechs and Free French.

Wild Rumours

Wild rumours circulated here, including one that a German ultimatum was designed to thwart another Cabinet crisis and that the crisis was in reality a subterfuge to gain delay in signing the Tripartite Pact.

Restless crowds milled in the streets but there were no demonstrations.

Britain Presents Note To Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Mar. 24.

The British Minister to Yugoslavia, Sir Ronald Campbell, has addressed a note to the Yugoslav Government. The contents of the note have not been disclosed.—Reuter.

Fifty-four executives of the nationwide Sokol Patriotic Athletic Organization met yesterday and urged, on behalf of their 300,000 members that the government take action in conformity with national feelings. They said the entire nation was aroused over rumours of imminent signing of the pact.

The latest issue of their journal, the 'Sokol Herald," called on the Government to "sacrifice everything rather than honour and freedom."

[United Press.

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Italians Hastily Dig New Trenches

Greek Forces Penetrate Enemy Lines at Various Points; Artillery Duel

Athens, Mar. 24.

Heavy artillery duels were reported on the Albanian front yesterday as Italians were said to be hastily digging new trenches near the "valley of death" which is cluttered with unburied Italian corpses in efforts to strengthen positions.

A Greek Government spokesman said Greek troops had penetrated Italian lines at various points along the entire front and had taken many additional prisoners.

Heavy artillery duels were reported in some sectors and the press reports said Italians wasted much ammunition trying to blast impregnable Greek fortified positions.

"Greek artillery and mortars seriously damaged Italian columns attempting to reinforce their front lines," said the Greek spokesman.

He indicated that a number of Italian patrols were encircled and captured after crossing Greek lines.

Five hundred kilograms of bombs were dropped in an Italian raid on Saturday on Corfu, the spokesman said.—United Press.

Italian Claims

Rome, Mar. 24.

Aerial activity was the main feature of the latest Italian communique, which reports that Italian aircraft attacked the port and aerial base of Corfu, sank an enemy ship, and damaged another ship and port installations.

In combat with enemy fighters, two Gloucester type of planes are said to have been brought down.

In the Eastern Mediterranean, Italian planes are claimed to have bombed and torpedoed an enemy convoy and a 10,000-ton ship.—Reuter.

Japanese-N. E. I. Talks Continuing

Further Failure to Reach Agreement Reported

Batavia, Mar. 24.

Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, chief delegate to the Japanese-N.E.I. economic conversations, who postponed his trip to Medan in Sumatra, left on Sunday evening for a week's trip to east Java.

It was understood that Mr. Yoshizawa plans to visit Sourabaya and its environs, as well as Bali.

Meanwhile, the talks between the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yutaka Ishizawa, and Mr. J. E. van Hoogstraten, Chief of the Economic Bureau of the N.E.I. Government, were still continuing.

It was indicated they failed to reach an agreement last week as originally scheduled.

Informed quarters believed that another one or two meetings would be held between Mr. Ishizawa and Mr. van Hoogstraten before completion of their conversations.—Domei.

British Cruiser Said En Route To U.S. Port for Repairs

Warship Reported Heading for Norfolk, Virginia; Congress to Pass Large Aid Bills

New York, Mar. 24.

A REPORT that a British cruiser is heading for the navy yard at Norforlk, Virginia, to undergo repair is published today by the "Baltimore Sun," which quotes "reliable authority" for the statement. There is no information as to whether the warship has been in battle, the report adds. According to the same source, the paper adds, other British naval units now escorting convoys to the United States will put into Norfolk for repairs.

It is stated in Washington that the British Embassy is unaware of any British warship being on the way to United States dockyards for repairs.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Signs Order

Aboard U.S.S. Benson, Mar. 24.

President Roosevelt today gave full power to the new super-mediation board to conciliate the labour-management controversy in national defence by signing the commissions of the board's chairman, Dr. Clarence Dykstra, and ten other members.

The commissions were flown to the Presidential yacht Potomac yesterday by a naval patrol bomber together with other papers.

Working in the tropical sunshine, President Roosevelt signed several bills, including US$100,000,000 for the construction of U.S. naval public works.

The Presidential party was planning to resume its fishing by cruising for the next few days in the Gulf Stream in the direction of the Caribbean.—United Press.

Other Measures to be Signed

Washington, Mar. 24.

Congress this week is expected to send to President Roosevelt for his signature, legislation appropriating nearly US$15,000,000,000 for rearmament and aid to Britain.

The huge sum is comprised principally by three bills, the largest of which is the US$7,000,000,000 British aid measure to finance provisions of the Lend-Lease Bill and which the Senate was expected to pass today or tomorrow.

Other measures included the US$3,415,000,000 naval Supply Bill approved by the Senate on Thursday and the US$4,073,000,000 Supplemental Defence Bill passed by the House of Representatives on Friday.

Consideration of the US$7,000,000,000 aid bill probably will be delayed one or two hours today when Administration leaders attempt to revive the Argentine corned beef issue—which the Administration lost last week when Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Vice-President and President of the Senate was absent and failed to cast a deciding vote to break a 32 to 32 tie.

Senator Alben W. Barkley, Majority Floor Leader, said a motion will be made to show that Senator Richard B. Russell, Democrat of Georgia, voted in behalf of the amendment but the vote was not recorded by the clerk and hence the amendment should actually have been enacted by a vote of 33 to 32.

Defeat of the amendment was one of the first major defeats suffered by the Administration over war aid defence bills.—United Press.

Bethlehem Steel May Suffer Strike

Workers Committee Sends Out Warning

Bethlehem, Pa., Mar. 24.

A strike threatened today to endanger US$1,500,000,000 worth of national defence orders in the Bethlehem Steel Corporation plant here.

The Steel Workers Organizing Committee notified the company last night that 18,000 workers will be called from the plant today unless the election of officers in an independent employees association was cancelled.

At the same time, the S.W.O.C. sent a protest to the Office of Production Management against the Bethlehem Steel Corporation's employee representation plan already declared illegal by the National Labour Relations Board.—United Press.

Britain Believed to Have 23,000 Planes

First Line Strength Said Approximately 3,000

London, Mar. 24.

Announcement yesterday by Lord Beverbrook, Minister for Air Production, that Britain has the most fighters and bombers in her history today led aerial experts to believe that Britain's operational strength had passed 23,000 planes. They estimated Britain to possess a first line strength of 3,000 planes.

Authoritative quarters here estimated that the German Luftwaffe now has an operational strength of 35,000 planes, with 5,000 of them being first line craft. None of the figures include trainers.—United Press.

N.Y. Paper Attacks Aid to France

Presence of Nazi Warships In Atlantic Emphasized by American Newspapers

New York, Mar. 24.

The despatch of American food ships to unoccupied France is condemned in an outspoken article today in the New York "Daily Mirror." It writes "Washington thought, and forced London to agree, that sending flour to France was justified because of the 'assurances' given by Vichy.

"It is not necessary for Germany to starve France, and she will not starve France completely as long as French workers in Lyons in unoccupied territory, are making silk for German parachutes, and French stevedores in Marseilles are unloading foodships, 80 per cent. of whose cargoes go to Germany.

"The Reich must leave unoccupied France, which she controls as tightly as she does occupied France, enough food to keep her working for Germany. Now Germany will have 18,500 tons of flour more to help balance the stores she has already stolen from helpless France."

Meanwhile, reports of German battleships raiding in the Atlantic have somewhat over-shadowed the Balkan situation, newspaper commentators remarking that the Atlantic is a danger spot just as urgent, if not more so. Wireless reports last night suggested that Germany was concentrating her main sea strength in the Atlantic, and commentators were freely discussing American intervention of one kind or another.—Reuter.

★Yugoslavia to Sign With Axis

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University of Belgrade students belonging to the four year old opposition parties—Radical, Democrats, Yugoslavian National and Socialist—and those belonging to two opposition parties, the Serbian Agrarian and the Independent Democratic, sent to the government a joint protest against the Government's new foreign policy.

The inhabitants of the southeast Serbian town of Berane, with a population of 2,600, which has a long record of guerilla warfare, telegraphed the Government threatening to revolt if the government took any action menacing Yugoslavia.—United Press.

Position Analyzed

London, Mar. 24.

The Serbian element and army leaders in Yugoslavia will prevent widespread concessions to Germany, says the Turkish newspaper "Ulus."

The Ankara Radio last night broadcast the press's of a long article in the "Ulus" on Yugoslavia. The article declares that while the resignation of three Yugoslav ministers indicates that opposition to surrender has not been entirely successful, those in favour of concessions will not be allowed by the Serbian element and military leaders to go very far.

Yugoslavia knows, it continues, that once foreign legions enter the country, "pledges in black and white will dwindle into scraps of paper." Hence, it adds, Yugoslavia is continuing to strengthen the army.

The "Ulus" says it can be most strongly believed that the Yugoslav army would not permit Yugoslav territories to be an instrument in any plot against the Greek army.

Press Emphatic

The announcer concluded: "While German pressure continues on one hand, Yugoslav national resistance becomes all the more imminent—especially as the voice of the Yugoslav press is emphatic on the subject of no concessions of national sovereignty and independence."

Some factors which should encourage Yugoslavia to stand firm in the face of German demands were indicated in British official circles in Cairo today.

They declared that the action of the three Yugoslav ministers who resigned as a protest against the Government's majority vote in favour of the German terms would be applauded in Yugoslavia as a whole, and that the Yugoslav Government must take this popular feeling into account.

Important Signs

Another element which the Government could not fail to consider was the recent conversation between the British and Turkish Foreign Ministers at Cyprus which, as stressed in both Cairo and Ankara, re-emphasized complete Anglo-Turkish identity of views.

The Yugoslav Government would also doubtless take into account the help in material and munitions and the naval and air support which Britain was giving Greece, and on which Yugoslavia would likewise be able to call upon if attacked by Germany.

The Government must also have observed signs of a growing conviction in Germany that the military hazards of a Balkan campaign had been greatly increased by the growing Italian difficulties in East Africa.

All these considerations suggest most clearly that the course which her own interest and those of her neighbours demand is for Yugoslavia to follow the examples of Greece and Turkey and stand firm before German threats.—Reuter.

Turkish Press Warning

Ankara, Mar. 23.

The Turkish press today unanimously warned Yugoslavia to keep out of the axis. Pointing out that Yugoslavia had completed her military preparations, the paper "Joumhoriet" stressed that "when it is a question of maintaining one's territorial integrity, the best policy is to be ready to draw one's sword from its sheath."

"It would be shameful for Yugoslavia to subordinate her adherence to the axis to a promise that she would obtain an outlet upon the Aegean Sea at Greece's expense," the paper added.—Havas.

Nazis Want Quick Reply

Bucharest, Mar. 23.

The present Cabinet crisis in Yugoslavia has in no way jeopardized relations between that country and Germany, but the Yugoslav Government will have to decide soon whether or not to join the Axis, the "Bukarester Tagblatt," a German paper published here, stated in an editorial today.

"The time for hesitation has now passed," the paper added. "The German of the Fuhrer has always dealt with the small states in a manner different from that of the democracies. Germany is now engaged in a hand to hand fight with Great Britain. She desires no aid from foreign countries. But, in this gigantic struggle, the Reich cannot tolerate any obstacles in her path. Everyone must shoulder responsibilities. For Yugoslavia, her decision will certainly have great domestic repercussions, but the decision can already be considered as having been taken."—Havas.

U.S. Warships Going To Brisbane

Sydney, Mar. 24.

The United States Navy squadron of six warships, which arrived here last week, left yesterday for a three-day visit to Brisbane, where it is expected to arrive Tuesday morning.—Domei.

*Bombs Explode at Central Banks

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contained 30lb. of TNT had caused great damage both to the garage and the upper premises.

The ground floor, occupied by Messrs. China Motors, had all the show windows smashed to bits. The strength of the explosion caused further damage on the floor in the interior and various departments of the company, separated from the large hall by glass walls, had the partitions blown into thousands of pieces of glass.

Further down the ground floor, one could see blood on the ceiling, while at another corner of the ground floor, used for greasing and oiling cars, the first floor had been smashed through, with part of it hanging down.

At that time, police had been already detailed at the front entrance to the building on Bubbling Well Road, keeping the curious crowd away. Firemen were busy carrying the wounded into ambulances, while several coolies were sweeping the pavement of the broken glass. Inside the building, more firemen were cleaning up the debris. A picture, like the one at the front entrance, was seen on Burkill Road where the police had kept the road clear of all spectators. Here members of the Reserve Unit were posted at various corners and buildings with two Red Marias in the background, near the corner of Burkill and Carter Roads. At an opposite corner of the street, the intersection of Burkill and Tatung Roads, a fire engine from the Sinza station was parked.

All Windows Smashed

The damage was the biggest at the rear of the building where the explosion had smashed all windows. Even the windows of a house, opposite the bombed building, had suffered. Some 20 members of U.S. Marine were seen on Burkill Road, some of them with cameras. None of them were on duty there, however, although later some were detailed to keep away idlers.

Detectives from the Sinza police station, headed by Det.-Insp. A. Read, were conducting investigations on the spot. Several other high police officials were present, as well as those of the Shanghai Fire Brigade.

Meanwhile, further calls were put through to the Fire Brigade Headquarters and the number of ambulances rose to four. All the wounded were taken to Paulun Hospital, suffering from various injuries, with six cases said to be very serious.

The damage to the building could not be estimated yesterday and an official of the China Motors stated that the whole rear part of the building may have to be rebuilt. The back width measures 80 feet, while the length of the building, from Bubbling Well Road to Burkill Road, is about 300 feet. This may well show the strength of the explosion which has caused the show windows to be smashed into bits. These, it was learned, would cost between $25,000 and $45,000 to replace.

No serious damages had been caused to the vehicles at the garage, it was learned. About twelve cars were slightly scratched by broken glass, but these could be repaired easily.

As soon as the news had got round the city, the office of the China Motors were bombarded with questions. The casualty list was first thought to include only 24 wounded persons, but increased to 35 when more were found among the debris.

But for the smashed show windows, the China Motors building looked normal later on in the evening, except for the fact that U.S. Marines had been detailed to the front and back entrances, with orders not to let anyone in without a special pass.

Marine Leaves Cancelled

Following the bombing incident at the Central Bank of China's branch on Burkill Road in the afternoon all leave for members of the Fourth Marines was cancelled and the men ordered to stand-by. Extra precautions were taken in the American Defence Sector with military patrols working in co-operation with the Shanghai Municipal Police. Pedestrians were subjected to rigid search as well as all vehicles.

Additional Guards Placed

The outrage in the Settlement branch of the Central Bank of China took place despite the fact that the majority of the Chinese banks here, whether pro-Chungking or Nanking-sponsored, had additional men detailed to guard the premises. The Bank of China in Hankow Road had two Russian members of the Auxiliary Detachment, in addition to several C.P.C.'s, posted at the entrances to the building. Similar precautions were carried out with other banking establishments.

This step was taken after terrorism had been directed at employees of various banks here. Starting with the shooting of Le Tien-chuen of the Central Reserve Bank on Friday morning, Shanghai was horrified to learn of mass assassination of unsuspecting employees of the Farmers' Bank, some eight hours later, while they were asleep. At the same time, but in another part of the city, more than 100 members of the Bank of China were arrested by Japanese gendarmes at 96 Jessfield Road. It was later revealed by a communique issued by the Nanking Ministry of Police that the men had been arrested as means of retaliation against terroristic activities directed at employees of Nanking Government banks.

New Zealand's War Effort

Increasing Output of Arms, Ammunition, Bren Gun Carriers

Wellington, Mar. 24.

Every week sees greater development of New Zealand's war effort.

A number of engineering firms are producing war material of various kinds. Government workshops are busy making Bren gun carriers and three-inch mortars. The output of small arms ammunition will shortly be doubled to meet the requirements of the New Zealamd armed forces.

War material for the navy is also in an advanced stage of production. Minesweepers are being constructed in Auckland to meet the immediate requirements of the Navy.

As a result of the delegation of New Zealand representatives to the eastern group conference at New Delhi, a specially selected group of British technicians have examined the industrial possibilities of New Zealand with a view to assisting the Empire war effort requirements overseas as well as the defence of the Dominion. These experts are reporting their findings to the British Government who, it is expected, will establish a programme suitable for fulfilment by New Zealand in due course.

Meat Exports to Be Cut

New Zealand's exports of meat will be drastically cut as a result of the British Government's decisions based on the shipping position.

The New Zealand Government has decided that New Zealand freezing works shall from today accept for freezing for export only lamb, prime beef and porker pigs up to 120 pounds. —Reuter.

★British Capture Important City

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who were lost on a mountain peak but when found by a British patrol 48 hours later were still manning the gun post.

The communique concludes that there is nothing to report in Libya.

Intense aerial activity in Italian East Africa in support of land forces is reported in a Royal Air Force communique.

R.A.F. fighters repeatedly attacked enemy positions in the Keren area. The railway station at Asmara was heavily attacked on Saturday, and during the raid British fighters engaged a number of Fiat fighters and shot down two in flames.

Three other Fiat fighters are said to have been destroyed in the same area on the previous day by the same squadron.

In the Gondar area, the communique continues, fires were started among buildings following an attack by R.A.F. bombers on barracks and warehouses.

South African aircraft attacked trains on the Djibouti-Addis Ababa Railway, destroying at least one train, which was burned out after receiving direct hits from a salvo of bombs.

R.A.F. bombers also machine-gunned trains at Afdem and Gora, and bombed and machine-gunned a large concentration of enemy motor transport on the road between Urso and Awash, and enemy positions in the Marda pass.—Reuter.

Raids on Malta

Malta, Mar. 24.

At least three enemy bombers were destroyed and others damaged in raids on Malta during the week-end. Two enemy losses have been officially confirmed.

A large formation of enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, raided Malta on Saturday, but were chased out to sea by British fighters. One British fighter was shot down by a Messerschmitt, which in turn was destroyed by another British aircraft. —Reuter.

German Claims

London, Mar. 24.

Harbour works of Colchester and Peterhead are claimed to have been attacked on Saturday night "by light bomber formations with good effect" in the latest German High Command communique, which adds that a "German bomber formation on Saturday afternoon bombed Valetta in Malta."

It is stated that "direct hits were observed on ships and anti-aircraft positions. During this attack German fighters shot down seven Hurricanes without sustaining any losses. In the evening Valetta was again successfully attacked.

"German and Italian planes shot down in flames enemy planes near Agedabia, in North Africa, and bombed and machine-gunned troop concentrations with visible success."

The German communique also records an attack on a British convey south of Crete, claiming that two hits were scored amidships on a ship, which was set on fire, and damage was caused to two other vessels, while another merchantship is said to have been damaged "so severely that it can be reckoned as lost."—Reuter.

★ Matsuoka Meets Molotov

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Mr. Matsuoka assured interviewers that he had no detailed knowledge of what kind of programme has been planned for him in Berlin and Rome other than to "get acquainted."

If time would allow, he said, he intended to make a personal observation tour of European war fronts and visit the battlefields of France and the Netherlands. He said he was scheduled to complete his round trip within six weeks, including a short stop over at Moscow.

No Special Ceremony

Mr. Matsuoka's reception was devoid of any ceremony except that of routine newspreel pictures, which were taken.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, alighted from his railroad car, flanked by military officers, and shook hands with official welcomers.

The Italian Ambassador here, Sig. Rosso, and the German Ambassador who also is dean of the Moscow diplomatic corps, arrived two minutes after Mr. Matsuoka did. They rushed up to him and the Italian Ambassador said in English, "Excuse me, your excellency."—United Press.

Huge 4-Engined U.S. Bombers for Britain

London, Mar. 24.

Huge four-engined U.S. bombers are now arriving in London, the Ministry of Aircraft Production revealed yesterday. The Consolidated Liberator type of bomber was the first to arrive, it was said. —United Press.

★British Bombers Raid Berlin

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yesterday engaged a German bomber in the south of England and shot it down.

This was one of two German bombers destroyed over Britain yesterday, which witnessed only slight enemy air activity.

The second Nazi plane was brought down while attempting to bomb a ship at anchor in the north of Scotland. It had its tail shot off by anti-aircraft guns and crashed in flames.

A number of German planes approached south-west England yesterday morning, but were driven off by heavy gunfire.

During the day, according to an Air Ministry communique, single aircraft are reported to have dropped bombs near the Channel coast and at a point in northern Scotland. Little damage and few casualties were caused.—Reuter.

Plymouth Recovering

Plymouth, Mar. 24.

The historic kinship between the British navy and the citizens of Plymouth was manifested here yesterday when the Navy opened its own stores to supply hungry townsfolk with emergency rations.

Large numbers of persons made homeless by two nights of unprecedent German air raids, were fed.

Unwilling to be outdone by the Navy, the army also pitched in and provided a number of large cook stoves and set up open air kitchens.

Meanwhile, sailors, and soldiers joined in rescue work which has proceeded unceasingly since the city was first attacked. Workers continued to uncover dead and injured persons buried in ruins of wrecked buildings.

Unsafe buildings were being destroyed and in the process valuables were piled in streets for removal later.

Young Children Killed

A number of children under 10 years old were killed when a bomb destroyed a small hospital.

Evacuation of numerous civilians by trains to the surrounding countryside also was proceeding.

Mobile canteen units were giving excellent service. The Y. M. C. A. unit was established outside a big hotel which had been bombed. Hotel crockery was borrowed to facilitate canteen business.

Time bombs exploded behind Lady Astor's house and did considerable damage to the rear of the building. Lady Astor and all other members of the household had evacuated some time before the explosions, Mr. Robert G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, stayed at the Astor home the first night of the raids.

King George and Queen Elizabeth who had been in Plymouth on an inspection tour and left only a few hours before the attack began sent a message to Lady Astor, who also is Mayoress of Plymouth.

"After our happy day, the Queen and I were deeply distressed to hear what you all have been through last night (Thursday and Friday nights)," said the King's message.

"Whatever the people of Plymouth may be called upon to suffer we feel quite certain that the spirit of the country will rise above it all. God bless you all."

Women volunteers organized a mass evacuation of hundreds of homeless survivors of the furious raids. Convoys with food and clothing arrived throughout yesterday from other cities and field kitchens were opened to crowds of hungry civilians. —United Press.

Berlin Says German Battleship Chased

British Naval Force Said On Heels of Nazi Vessels

London, Mar. 24.

British warships chased German battleships for two days in the Atlantic, according to the German Radio in a broadcast today.

The German radio says: "A heavy British naval force, including a battelship of the Malaya class, followed for two days a German battleship squadron operating against Atlantic shipping.

"The British warships attempted to make contact when the latter were attacking shipping on the Australia and India route in the waters of the Altantic Islands.

"On another occasion a ship of the Nelson class is said to have been near the raiders."

The German Radio describes as "irresponsible" the action of a captain of a British merchantship which is said to have opened fire on the German battleships when ordered to stop. The radio adds: "The fire was completely ineffective," and adds that "two-thirds of the merchantman's crew lost their lives."

It is pointed out in officiel quarters here that the Germans often made assertions regarding British warships with the object of elleiting information.—Reuter.

Card System Will be Used in Manchoukuo

Household Requirements Now Being Studied

Changchun, Mar. 24.

Distribution of certain daily necessaries by the card system is to be enforced in Manchoukuo on May 1, states the "Manchuria Daily News."

Exact requirements of each household have been noted on cards, which will have to be presented to dealers before any purchases can be made.

For the time being the control will only affect bean oil, kaoliang and maize, which are essential foodstuffs for Manchus, and cooking oils and certain foodstuffs consumed by Japanese. The authorities are planning to bring more daily necessities under control in the near future, adds the newspaper.—Reuter.

Nanking Leader States Views

Permanent Peace with Japan's Co-operation Aim of New Regime

Nanking, Mar. 23.

Establishment of permanent peace based upon co-operation between the Chinese and Japanese, and not merely cessation of hostilities, was the aim of the Nanking Government which celebrates the first anniversary of its return to Nanking on March 30, President Wang Ching-wei declared in an interview with Domei yesterday afternoon.

Outlining the plan to be followed by the Nanking Government to attain this goal, President Wang gave illuminating details. He stressed the following five points.

1. Steps to be taken against corruption in administration.
2. Stability of currency and adjustment of commodity prices.
3. Rehabilitation of agriculture, farmers, and development of industries.
4. Training of youth and encouragement of science.
5. Elimination of Communism and strict maintenance of peace and order.

Chungking "Decline" Claimed

Questioned on the effect of both the European and Asiatic situations on the Chungking régime, Mr. Wang asserted that Chungking, a "willing tool" in the hands of third Powers, was going rapidly down the "road to ruin."

The fact that Chungking places faith in the continuation of the European war and the turbulent situation in the Pacific to prolong its resistance, will not in any way check the decline of the Chiang régime, he added.

Turning to the Communist problem, Mr. Wang asserted it was inevitable for Chungking and the Chinese Communist Party to be at cross purposes. There is no room in China for Communism, he emphasized.

Amplifying his statement, Mr. Wang declared Communist opposition played a great part in hindering the materialization of peace efforts.

Chungking's alleged subserviency to third Powers' demands and wishes, he stated, actually was pointless. These third Powers were each seeking their own ends to the detriment of China, Mr. Wang pointed out.—Domei.

Statement on Post-War Business Expected

Reconstruction Problem Seen by "Observer"

London, Mar. 24.

The concentration of British industry on the war effort, which involves as it does the closing down of many non-essential businesses, is a matter of general concern. The President of the Board of Trade, Capt. O. Lyttleton, will be expected to give more detailed information on his proposals than have been made available so far, and it is hoped that when he next speaks in the House of Commons he will be able to say something more definite about the position of these businesses after the war.

In fact, says the Parliamentary Correspondent of the "Observer," there will be all-round disappointment if adequate opportunity is not given to discuss the whole vast problem of industrial reconstruction when peace returns.

Schemes for Transition Period

The Government is understood, adds the correspondent, to have in mind several schemes for the transition period. That a number of trade pacts with, possibly, arrangements to exchange goods by barter, may be necessary in the disorganization that inevitably will follow the end of the war, is generally foreseen.

Since the United States is likely to play as important a part in re-equipping the world for peace as equipping the democracies for war, the government will be asked what steps have been taken or are contemplated to consult the authorities in Washington in this preliminary study of economic restoration.

The common impression, the correspondent continues, is that after the war, as after the last, the greatest difficulties will be encountered in the months immediately following the cessation of hostilities and, after a period in which there would be universal demand for commodities, in the succeeding term there will be the danger of a heavy slump.

The desire is to find some means of absorbing any such economic inequalities as far as possible by farsighted planning and wise direction.—Reuter.

How Two Nazi U-Boats Were Sunk by British

Seaman Elaborates on Fact Announced by Churchill

British Port, Mar. 24.

A British seaman aboard a merchantman which arrived here today related how British warships sank two German submarines recently. Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, last week announced the sinking of the two U-boats.

"Star shells and very lights illuminated the sky and search-lights swept the water. There was a series of explosions of depth charges and water hurlted in the air. A U-boat broke the surface. It was badly battered. Then it split and disappeared into the oily sea," the seaman said.

"Other depth charges brought up the second U-boat to the surface and shells blew it to pieces. A few survivors were picked up," he added. —United Press.

Gen. Tojo Says Condition In N. China Better

Fukuoka, Mar. 24.

Sharp improvement in the maintenance of peace and order in North China and Inner Mongolia as compared with last year was discerned by the War Minister, Lieutenant-General Hideki Tojo, who returned this morning from a five day flying tour of Peiping, Kalgan, Paotow, Taiyuan, Tsinan, and Tsingtao.—Domei.

U.S. Will Protect Philippines

Manila Editor Discusses War Situation

Manila, Mar. 24.

The belief of high American officials that the United States would be both willing and able to protect the Philippines in any emergency which might arise is reported in an article by Mr. Ford Wilkins, news editor of the "Manila Bulletin," appearing in a special edition published today to commemorate the newspaper's 41st anniversary.

Mr. Wilkins returned to Manila by Pan-American Airways recently after having spent several months in the United States, where he talked with President Roosevelt and many other officials.

The most important observation the editor reported as result of his trans-Pacific flight was the swift construction of new aerodromes at Wake and Midway islands, capable of accommodating "flying fortresses" in flights from the United States to Manila. The same aerodromes, Mr. Wilkins pointed out, also provided bases for long-range bombers. This, he suggested, might serve as a deterrent to Tokyo, which would not be inclined to divide its sea and air power for purposes of a southward push if Japan itself was considered vulnerable to American bombers. He said the ability to use land planes, with their longer cruising range, superior speed and greater bomb capacity would increase the striking power of the United States in the event of war with Japan.

Vatican Not to Make Peace Effort

New York, Mar. 24.

It is highly improbable that the Pope launches a new move in favour of peace, telegrams reaching American papers from the Vatican asserted today.

Several correspondents said that the Pope had entertained the hope of sending the world a peace message in a public address after the Easter Service in the St. Peter Basilica. Political circumstances, however, are such that the Holy Father had to abandon his plans the correspondents said.

It is also believed that, owing to the present situation, no high mass will be held on Eastern Day in St. Peter's and that the celebration will take place in the Pope's private chapel.—Havas Telemondial.

French Officials for North Africa

Vichy, Mar. 24.

Rear-Admiral Rene Platon, the Colonial Secretary, and M. Jean Berthelot, the Communications Secretary, will leave early next week by plane for a tour of inspection in North Africa during which they will view the work being accomplished on the trans-Sahara railroad.

The first section of this Railway will be formed by the present narrow-gauge track linking Oran and Colomb-Bechar, which will be transformed into a standard gauge track. It will go as far as the coal regions in the south, and will prove a boon to industry in North Africa.—Havas Telemondial.

Russian Boys Released By Chinese Police

Four Russian boys, M. Chistohin, E. Gallunas, L. Alexieff and G. Poliakoff, who were arrested by Chinese police for hunting for birds' nests in Hungjao on Thursday, were finally released on Sunday after four days' detention in Pootung. The release came after Mr. N. A. Invanow, chairman of the Russian Emigrants' Committee, had seen officials of the Shanghai Municipality.

The four boys, it was reported, had been beaten up by the Chinese policemen and taken to Pootung where they had only bread and water for food.

The smell of stale smoke can be quickly cleared out of a room by burning a few drops of vinegar on a hot shovel. The room will be freshened immediately.

Huge Consumption of Electricity in U.S.

Power Commission Studies Supply Question

Washington, Mar. 23.

With all industrial plants in the United States working full speed for national defence, an "electricity crisis," which is now being studied by the Federal Power Commission, may arise.

According to statistics released by the Department of Commerce, the number of national defence factories built during the first few months of this year has never been equalled at any time in the history of the United States. Consequently, there has been a phenomenal rise in the consumption of electricity.

It may be recalled that in 1918, when circumstances were similar to those prevailing at present, the consumption of electricity was such as to cause many towns to give up the use of electric lights at night.

In order that no similar situation should arise now, the Federal Power Commission is at present studying the possibility of increasing the capacity of high-tension cables bringing electric power to the great industrial centres in the eastern states.—Havas Telemondial.

U.S. Steel Corp. Making Steel for Britain

The United States Steel Corporation is producing a much greater amount of steel for arms production now than during the last World War, and is running its mills at a rate equalling about 90 per cent. theoretical capacity. The corporation is also employing more workers than ever before, stated Mr. Irving Olds Chairman of the corporation, as quoted by the New York "Herald-Tribune." Large quantities of this steel are going to Great Britain and Canada. Mr. Olds is reported to have said.—Reuter.

Strike in Tientsin Power Station

Tientsin, Mar. 24.

Some parts of the French Concession in Tientsin were without electric light for a few hours this evening as a result of the Chinese employees of the French power station walking out at 4.20 p.m. The strike was settled at 10 p.m. and the strikers resumed work immediately, following the acceptance of their demands after the French Consul in Tientsin, M. L. Colin, had called at the power house to assist in negotiations.—Reuter.

Chinese in Panama Said Ill-treated

Chungking, Mar. 24.

Alleged discrimination against Chinese residents in Panama is arousing much resentment here. A Chinese report claims that under various pretexts such as health examination, the employment of 75 per cent. native workers and other regulations, many Chinese shops have closed down and that Chinese nationals have been arrested.

The influential Chinese daily "Ta Kung Pao" urges the Chinese Foreign Office to investigate the situation and lodge an effective protest with the Panama Government.—Reuter.

Rainspots can be removed from velvet in the following way: To a tablespoonful of warm water add six drops of eucalyptus oil. Stir well, lightly moisten a clean flannel pad and rub lightly upon the velvet. Be sure to work always along the run of the pile. Then rub lightly with a clean cloth to dry and lastly brush softly with the pile.

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Application in Court Action Against Hongkong Bank

Bank's Counsel Submits Writ Invalid, "Wrongly Drawn Up;" Contests Filing of Pleadings

CHARACTERIZING the proceedings as involving an invalid writ which, in his submission, was irregularly drawn up, in consequence of which service of it should be set aside, Mr. G. H. Wright, representing the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, yesterday contested an application for filing of pleadings made by Mr. K. E. Newman for I. I. Tsuchurin & Co., a Russian firm of Manchuria, before Judge P. Grant Jones in H. M. Supreme Court. Mr. Wright contended that the writ should be filed in the name of the co-partners and not the firm, while Mr. Newman argued that the writ was regularly drawn up. Judgment was reserved on the application which came before the court on the usual return day, after a lengthy legal argument.

Addressing the court Mr. Wright said he was not aware whether His Lordship had read the extremely voluminous writ and attempted to arrive at what were the causes of action since he himself had experienced extreme difficulty in doing so.

Must Sue as Individual

"What I am going to draw Your Lordship's attention to," he continued, "is that this writ is definitely wrongly brought in the name of the firm. My duty is to draw Your Lordship's attention to it at the earliest possible moment. At Home there is no such thing as a return day."

Counsel then submitted that the proceedings were irregularly brought because of the terms and provisions of the local rule 91 which he submitted was the same as Order 48 (A). Two conditions must be fulfilled, he argued, before such an action may be brought by two or more persons who were partners and carrying on business in China, within the jurisdiction of the court. The latter condition, he said, had not been accomplished in this case, which he submitted was "apparent on the face of the writ," and consequently it was not required to produce evidence to establish the point. Referring to the rule at Home, counsel said that the writ did not state, "And carry on business within the jurisdiction.." The words he explained were inserted a few years ago to deal with foreign firms. If it applied to a foreign firm whose partners were resident abroad, but were carrying on business in England, then the firm was entitled to the benefit of the rule. This, he submitted, was clearly laid down in the White Book of 1941 (Annual Practice).

Counsel went on to suggest that if the co-partners of the firm claimed they were entitled to relief, it could only exist in the name of individuals. The firm had no particular place of business in China. His Lordship then pointed out that if counsel did not admit Manchuria as being part of China, he would be raising political issues. Mr. Wright replied that he was not questioning the inclusion of Manchuria as part of China which was quite apart, he said, from the question as to whether or not they were carrying on business within the court's jurisdiction. Two or more persons may sue or be sued. No distinction is drawn between the two, he said. He submitted, however, that a party cannot assume benefit of part of the rule and exclude the rest of it. The whole object of the rule was to bring in British firms where the partners were abroad, but were nevertheless carrying on business within the jurisdiction otherwise, they will be known as foreign firms.

A Commonsense Interpretation

At this juncture His Lordship observed that British rules applied to all nationalities and suggested that counsel was raising a very wide question. Mr. Wright replied that it was incumbent upon him to give some commonsense interpertation to the rule. He submitted that it did not apply in any event, in the case of a foreign firm and could not change the benefit of the right to sue with an avoidance of the obligation of being sued. The rule could not be divided up into two parts, he argued, adding that it could not be said that a firm could sue, but may be sued. The firm intended must be one with the right to claim and to be liable "which would bring it in line with the position at Home." The foreign firm described in the White Book, he submitted, could not be held liable in this court and, therefore, the only procedure open to them would be to bring action in the names of the individual partners.

Mr. Wright then suggested that the right order for the court to make was one setting aside the writ and its service, as it was a case of an invalid writ and erroneous proceedings. The right name of the firm as he knew it was I. I. Tsuchurin and Company and not I. J. Tsuchurin and Company.

After stating that he was representing individual partners of the firm who had submitted to the jurisdiction of the court, Mr. Newman argued that under Order 48 (1) of the White Book, any two persons liable as co-partners and carrying on business within the jurisdiction may sue or be sued in the name of the firm of which they were co-partners at the time of the accruing of a cause of action. That, he submitted, would entirely do away with the first point raised by Mr. Wright. The firm was not carrying on business but had not been dissolved. It was not carrying on the business forming the subject of the action. According to his instruction there is a firm of Tsuchurin being operated in Harbin by the Hongkong Bank. One of the causes of action, counsel went on to say, is that they have "wrongfully taken it over." The firm was still in existence which was one of the subject matters of the action.

Asks For Accounting

Asked when the cause of action accrued, counsel replied that it was extremely difficult to give an answer in a few words and disclosed that there was also a claim for an accounting. Among several causes of action, he continued, one accrued on November 7, 1936. The partnership he said, had never been dissolved and at the time the particular causes of action accrued, he said, they were within the jurisdiction within the meaning of foreign firms. The meaning of foreign firms, counsel argued, was not that which Mr. Wright interpreted, adding. "A foreign firm is known to English law as a firm carrying on business outside of England. It is a totally different thing to what Mr. Wright is referring.

Mr. Newman then submitted that Mr. Wright had placed an astonishing construction on the rule referred to, adding that he had not heard of such a construction before. He submitted that the rules applide to anyone submitting to the court's jurisdiction. Mr. Wright countered by declaring that Mr. Newman was making an extravagant proposition by suggesting that a foreign firm could sue, but may not be sued.

Mr. Newman then pointed out that the rules were all drawn having regard to the existence of extrality out here, adding: "Mr. Wright asks you to say that the words British or persons subject to the jurisdiction of this court have to be understood in reading this rule which I say is not the case. Foreign firms in England are of a totally different category. This is not a foreign firm within the meaning of a foreign firm in England. We were a foreign firm at the time of the accruing of the cause of action with the jurisdiction, not a foreign firm my friend has been referring to. True it is a play of words, but the meaning is different." He went to submit that the firm he was representing was not a foreign firm in the sense within the contemplation of the White Book.

After emphasizing the importance of the action Mr. Wright repeated that there had been an irregularity and submitted that an invalid writ cannot be amended. Mr. Newman replied that Mr. Wright had not yet satisfied the court that his construction of the rule was the correct one, continuing "my construction of it is just as good. My friend is trying to get you to restrict it to British persons. He cannot do so. It is a purely technical objection and there is no sound basis for it and if Your Lordship should rule against me on the technicality I am entitled to have the writ amended. However, I am asking that the writ be allowed as it stands in its ordinary manner."

Economic Policy of Nanking Regime

Quickly Gaining Upper Hand in Influencing Commercial Life Here

Reliable information from well informed Chinese quarters and the Chinese press now indicates that the new Nanking regime is quickly gaining the upper hand in extending its influence over the financial, commercial and even political life of the Chinese populace in Shanghai as the absence from the city of Mr. Yu Ya-ching, doyen of Chinese members of the Shanghai Municipal Council, has left the Chinese here virtually without even civic leadership. The Chinese Ratepayers Association of the Settlement is anxiously awaiting information and instructions from Hongkong where Mr. Wang Siao-lai, chairman of the Association has bene staying. Mr. Yu also has arrived there.

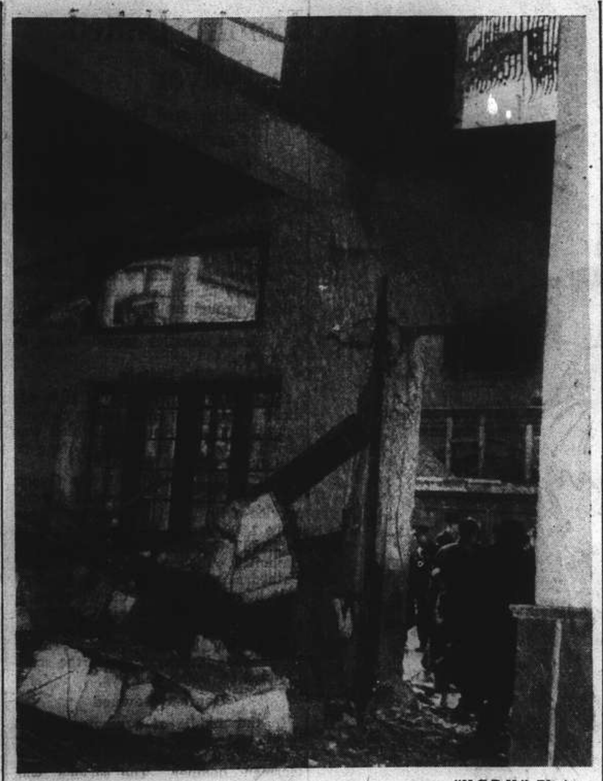
While the threat to round up all Chungking bank employees in Shanghai has been made by the new regime if the alleged Chungking terrorist programme is continued here, the Shanghai District Chamber of Commerce Readjustment Committee, a Nanking organization which is trying to take the place of the Chamber here affiliated with Chungking, has now enforced a set of new "Regulations Governing the Certification of Transportation and Taxation of Commercial Commodities" requiring merchants here to obtain certificates from the new regime in all import and export transactions. Detention of goods will be in order if they are found not accompanied with certificates given by the Chamber group.

These regulations, if faithfully enforced, will virtually bring all Chinese trade associations under Nanking's control and they are at least applicable in occupied districts and Shanghai if merchants wish to sell their goods in Nanking-controlled areas, informed Chinese circles believe. Merchants who wish to trade in occupied districts as the blockade renders it difficult for them to trade with other areas, will be forced to become members of the new regime Chamber since the regulations also provide that those who wish to obtain new certificates must register with the Committee, elect representatives to attend the Committee meetings and pay membership fees.

Offices Raided

The old Chinese Chamber of Commerce offices in Hongkong Road were recently raided by a group of politically inspired Chinese supported by the Japanese and since then Nanking declared that it had taken over the Chamber. Mr. Wang Siao-lai who is concurrently chairman of the raided Chamber has been absent from the city since the occupation of Chapei by the Japanese. The old Chamber once announced that it would carry out part of its duties in Hongkong and the new regulations enforced by the Nanking group will, therefore, leave local merchants at a cross roads as to what to do exactly to meet administrative requirements in order to trade.

Fears are also entertained by informed Chinese sources interviewed that taking opportunity of the absence of Mr. Yu Ya-ching, the new ratepayers' group affiliated with Nanking may demand the re-election of Chinese officials of the Council in its favour seeing that the Japanese are demanding more representation. There is such a likelihood although officially Nanking has not yet announced its intentions in this connection, it is said. It is also stated that Mr. Yu is by far the most influential Chinese in Council affairs and his absence leaves the other four Chinese members of the Council (recently re-elected together with Mr. Yu by the present Chinese Ratepayers Association) without leadership. Chinese reports from Hongkong quote Mr. Yu as saying that he wishes to go to Chungking to make a report realizing that the "environment in Shanghai is bad." Inquiries made with the Association yesterday brought the answer that "we are awaiting instructions from Hongkong."



"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Where the Bomb Exploded

No less than 35 persons were injured when a time bomb exploded at the Central Reserve Bank, occupying premises above the rear of Messrs. China Motors, at 3.55 p.m. yesterday. The photo shows the rear part of the building filled with débris caused by the collapse of the first floor.

Extraordinary Expense and Income Budget of S.M.C.

Budget For 1941 Submitted By Treasurer Approved By Shanghai Municipal Council and Adopted

APPROPRIATIONS for constructional projects and purchases of plant and equipment approved by the various departmental committees of the Shanghai Municipal Council are estimated to cost $2,003,570 while a blanket appropriation of $800,000 is required under Emergency Measures to provide for contingencies and approved expenditures, according to a report issued yesterday by the Council Treasurer on its extraordinary income and expenditures for 1941. The report is related to the Municipal Budget for this year in which connection a report was issued recently by the Treasurer on the ordinary income and expenditures of the S.M.C. The report on extraordinary expenditure and income follows:—

"The Treasurer submitted for the consideration of the Finance Committee on March 17, a statement which set forth in abbreviated form the provisional Capital Budget for 1941.

Extraordinary Expenditure

"The Deficit to be brought forward from 1940, amounts to $1,835,540, subject to audit. Items relating to constructional projects and purchases of plant and equipment have received the approval of the various departmental committee and are estimated to cost $2,003,570. A blanket appropriation of some $800,000 is required under the heading of Emergency Measures to cover approved expenditure and to provide for contingencies. A further sum of $145,000 is provided for similar purposes under the education section of the capital budget. Major requirements under this heading relate to the rehabilitation and reinstatement of Municipal properties damaged during the local hostilities.

Loan Redemptions

"Provision for the balance of the capitalization of the Pension Fund is a normal charge on the capital budget until such time as the requisite peak level of the Fund has been reached. This provision does not cover the exchange adjustment computable on pensions. The amount required for 1941 is shown at $750,000. Loan Redemption requirements total $4,787,100 and cover the redemption of fixed deposit balances and the temporary loan in local currency arising out of the consolidation and conversion of the remaining balance of the former temporary loan in U.S. Currency. Education requirements are shown as a deduction from "Income" at $156,920. The balance of $11,920 not required for Emergency Measures, relates to minor construction work and alterations to buildings.

"A sum of $1,000,000 has been included to cover the sale of such surplus Municipal properties as may be released during the course of the year.

"The amount to be raised by debentures or other temporary measures is tentatively set at $9,000,000 and a nominal sum of $50,000 is provided for Miscellaneous items.

"In its present form the Extraordinary Budget for 1941 discloses a deficit of some $283,130 to be carried forward to 1942.

"The Chairman enquired why the amount shown to be raised by debentures, i.e. $9,000,000, is lower than that included in the Budget last year. The Treasurer replied that the deficit is lower and the restricted progamme of capital outlay is also a factor. He added that it should be noted that $2,500,000 of the amount shown under loan redemption is available for conversion into Debentures. It was thereupon unanimously recommended that the Budget of Extraordinary Income and Expenditure for 1941, as submitted by the Treasurer, be adopted. This recommendation was approved by the Council at its meeting on March 19."

"The China Journal"

"Chinese Festivals" is the first article in the March issue of "The China Journal," written by T. F. Wei and well illustrated. Amusing pen and ink drawings accompany a short story by W. Y. Tonn, entitled "The Lord of the Apes." Mr. Tonn also describes "Java—the Garden of the East" and many photographs of curious carvings are shown. "Introduction and Development of Science in China" is by Chungshee H. Liu; "Sikong Butterflies" by D. S. Pen, including a map and a list of the species in her collection; "Rug Making in China" is an interesting article by H. Medill Sarkisian; "The New Countryside" by George Aylwin Hogg. Book reviews and other permanent features complete the issue.

S.M.C. Election Dates Changed

April 9 and 10 Will Replace April 2 And April 3

In pursuance of the provisions of Articles IX and VIA of the Land Regulations for the Settlement the Foreign Treaty consuls here yesterday notified that the dates Wednesday and Thursday, April 2 and 3, set for election of councillors of the Shanghai Municipal Council and a Land commissioner for 1941, have been changed to Wednesday and Thursday, April 9 and 10. Announcement to this effect was made by Mr. Poul Scheel, Consul-General for Denmark and Senior Consul here.

Nomination papers must be delivered to the Secretary and Commissioner General of the Council at the Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road, not later than noon on Tuesday, April 1.

The Council yesterday announced that the final voting list published under the provisions of Land Regulations XIX of persons duly qualified to vote at the election of members of the Council and the annual Ratepayers' Meeting revised and corrected to March 2, 1941, in accordance with a Municipal notification of February 7, 1941, is now being exhibited in the lobby of the Council chamber, Administrations Building, 209 Kiangse Road, and at all police stations, where it is available for inspection by interested ratepayers.

Copies of the final voting list for exhibit in consulates, foreign national organizations, bodies and clubs may be obtained upon application to the Deputy Treasurer, Revenue Office, Administrations Building, 209 Kiangse Road, to whom all enquiries concerning the Voting List should be addressed. Enquiries should not be sent to the Secretariat.

Dutch Ships Released From Hankow

Compulsory Charter to Japanese Said Condition

Three Dutch ships, the Sado, Wilhelmina and Beatrice, arrived in Shanghai last week from Hankow, where they had been tied up by the Japanese blockade since the outbreak of hostilities in 1937. It is understood that the ships were only released on condition that they should be available for charter to the Japanese authorities for a year.

All the ship are small freighters, useful for trading along the coast or on rivers and it is significant that should the Japanese be in need of ships of this character, there must exist a shortage. An official of Veritas and Company, agents for the ships, refused to confirm the story, although he admitted that the ships had been brought to Shanghai for the purpose of re-chartering.

He would give no explanation as to why the vessels had finally been released by the Japanese authorities after being tied up for so long in Hankow.

DR. VIDAL'S METHODS

Stubborn Ailments Cured by "Sympathicotherapy"

The arrival of Dr. Vidal, the eminent French nerve specialist, in Shanghai, brings once again into prominence the famous "Sympathicotherapy" treatment which were much heard about when it first appeared in 1932. This new method of treatment, which claims to cure ailments by simple touches of the nasal mucus was not accepted immediately by the medical profession. Sceptics questioned the possibility of producing important results by such simple methods.

Dr. Vidal, who became the champion of this theory, gave a number of lectures and explained the powerful and mysterious action of the "Grand Sympathetic Nerve." He published statistics, opened a dispensary, gained pupils and when a large number of cures were obtained, the number of the exponents of this new method increased day by day.

At the present time, "Sympahicotherapy" is accepted by all and many are the physicians who have adopted it with success. The purpose of the present trip of Dr. Vidal is to introduce his methods in China.

Dr. Vidal desires to draw the attention of ailing people to the following facts:

1. His method is not applicable to all ailments, but to certain well-defined illnesses a list of which will be found later. Grave organic sicknesses such as cancer, tuberculosis cannot be treated by Dr. Vidal's method.
2. The application of the treatment is not painful and does not require any interruption in the daily occupations of the patient.
3. The treatment may be applied to children from four years onwards. It is even a fact that younger systems respond best and it is with them that one finds very often quick and definite cures, particularly in cases of asthma, delays in development and in mental laziness.
4. The treatment may be applied to elderly people. The only important point is the degree of energy of the nervous system, which can be determined at the first examination. Sicknesses curable by the treatment are:—

Asthma and Hay Fever.
Nervous Troubles, Insomnia, headaches, dizziness, tremors, heart palpitations, general celebral fatigue, neurasthenia, impotency.
Digestive Troubles, such as stomach ache, excess of acidity, heaviness after meals, enteritis, constipation.
Blood Circulation Difficulties, Hypertension, irregular or painful periodical troubles, blushing, change of life.
Rheumatical Pains, Arthritis, neuritis (facial or sciatical), lumbago.
Certain Cases of Paralysis, Hemiplegy, Parkinson. Finally tardiness in physical and intellectual development of children. This treatment may be successful from the first application, but it usually requires a few visits.

Dr. Vidal will receive patients at the Cathay Hotel, Suite 707, commencing next Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 to 6 p.m.—ADVT.

Edda Mussolini Seriously Ill

Rome, Mar. 24.

Edda Mussolini, wife of Count Galeazzo Ciano, favourite daughter of Premier Benito Mussolini and well known in Shanghai is seriously ill of pneumonia, friends here revealed yesterday.

She contracted pneumonia from swimming in the cold waters of the Mediterranean after the hospital ship on which she was serving as a Red Cross Nurse was torpedoed recently, friends said.—United Press.

Japanese Inspectors War Against Touters

Bicycle-trolleys Get Their Tyres Flattened

Finding many Chinese unwilling to pay the fares demanded by Japanese-owned buses north of the Soochow Creek area, Chinese bicycle-trolley owners have found a new way of cashing in at the expense of these dissatisfied individuals by transporting them at cheaper rates.

Scores of these cyclists can be seen daily plying Broadway, East Broadway and Seward Road for willing passengers, taking on as many as five or six persons at a time.

The practice of taking passengers was forbidden in the area some time ago, but notwithstanding this order it continued, even if little more caution was shown by the owners.

An interesting sight was seen yesterday morning when a Japanese inspector of the bus company stationed himself at the intersection of East Broadway and Kungping Road and started catching touters. The passengers, seeing the official approach, scattered to the four winds without demanding that their fares be refunded, while the inspector went about his business of flattening the tyres by letting the air out and retaining the air valves, a tragicomic aspect was provided when the owner of a trolley, afraid of further repercussions, helped the Japanese inspector to flatten his own tyres.

That Chinese, living or having business in the area, co-operated with each other was also seen yesterday. Numerous touters were turned away just before reaching Kungping Road by persons warning them of the danger ahead.

Briton Sent to Jail for Theft

Admits Stealing Royal Typewriter from the Office Appliance Co.

Sentence of three months' imprisonment with hard labour was passed by the Registrar, Mr. C. H. Haines, in H. M. Police Court yesterday on Fred Woelz, British subject, convicted of stealing a typewriter belonging to the Office Appliance Company. Woelz admitted the charge.

Mr. P. Watkin Williams prosecuting for the Municipal Police, stated that on the afternoon of March 18, Woelz telephoned to the company asking for the price of a portable Royal typewriter which was given as U.S.$70. At his request the company agreed to send a machine to 147 Rue Paul Henri.

Continuing counsel said, the same day accused arranged to pass the night at the address, after interviewing the occupier of the house. The typewriter was delivered to accused who gave his name as Mr. Thomas. After a demonstration of the machine was given by a salesman of the company accused asked that the machine be left with him until the following day.

In the evening, counsel continued, Woelz went to the Abra Typewriter Company on Chusan Road to sell the machine, but the people there became suspicious of him and phoned the Office Appliance Company with the result that the sale did not eventuate. Accused later sold the machine for $425 to a typewriter company in East Seward Road. On May 22, 1940, counsel pointed out, accused was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

Woelz stressed the difficulty of securing employment and said he had asked for assistance to enable him to go to Singapore, but was unsuccessful. He was offered a position in Tientsin, but could not take it up, being unable to raise the fare to the northern port. After getting out of prison, he said, he walked the streets on cold nights for one and half months and was chagrined to learn later that the Tientsin job was off.

Casement Trial Fixed For April 3

Further hearing in the trial for murder of Gerald E. Casement, of the U. S. Marines, will be held on April 3. It will be recalled that the marine was charged with the murder of Floyd Allan Sebastion, a 15-months old baby, on March 20, when the hearing was adjourned until the court could appoint counsel for the alleged killer. Later it was announced that Mr. H. G. Nelson had been called upon to act for Casement. Mr. Leighton Shields, U. S. District Attorney, will be prosecuting, before Judge Milton J. Helmick.

Hollywood's proclivity for changing incidents in a story, for screen purposes, had Betty Field not only baffled but somewhat put out. Betty, in a small way, plays a violin. In the Joseph Conrad novel, "Victory," the heroine, Alma, plays a violin in a girls' orchestra. Betty is playing Alma in Paramount's "Victory," filmization of the novel, but the script has her playing a piano. The screen writers had to make the change, for story purposes, but it has caused Betty to take piano lessons so that she will appear realistic in the part.

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The Greeks:
Need for Medical Aid

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I note in your today's issue a very special appeal for help to be given to the Greek Red Cross. Yesterday I received a budget of letters from Athens written by my daughter who is working there. They are only a little more than a month old so will show things as they stand there almost up to date. She writes:—

I can feel in my bones that big things are going to happen soon. The winter is breaking slowly, slowly, and with the spring I think all the power of evil will be loose once more.

The Greeks have shown what an indomitable spirit can do, even against machinery of the most modern kind. But, oh, how they have suffered. The men went off without equipment, most with one blanket only, and many without socks and gloves. The result has been that the greatest casualties have been due to frost-bite. The number of trained nurses and doctors have been so scarce too. Those who treated them did not know how to cut the veins of the frozen flesh, gangrene has set in and amputations have been the only remedy. The lad who came in to mend our stove yesterday said he is one of four brothers. Three went to the front. Two came back without their hands. The other day little Anthony saw streams of donkeys and mules being led by soldiers towards the station. He said "They mustn't send the likkle donkeys to fight—they mustn't. If they send them Mussolini will shoot them dead. And they will be sore, and I don't like it." I thought, how true. I get as much of a lump in my throat when I see the plucky little animals going off as when I see the men. More perhaps, because I know they have not got the veterinary medicaments they need.

Late snow lying low on Hymettus and Pendeli. The effect on the troops was drastic. The wounded, both Greeks and Italians, have been brought in so bad from frost-bite that many have had to have their limbs amputated.

There is such a need for nurses here. I wish our American friends would send over a Red Cross contingent. Ever so many of our Englishwomen are working in the hospitals. They all say the first thing they long to do is to wash the men. But there are just no facilities. Schools and private buildings have been turned hurriedly into hospitals. And the poor men come back a 36 hour journey in cold trains, after exposure at the front, and you can imagine what their condition is. Lots of the Greek women I know are just travelling back and forth on the hospital trains ministering to the wounded.

Father Balfour, a Scotsman, priest of the Greek Church and private chaplain to the King, told me he took fifteen men into the operating room on Sunday to have their legs amputated for frost-bite. Many cried out to be allowed to die in preference—what a world!

I think this is sufficient to show that the appeal for help is warranted, and I am enclosing a small donation with the reminder that a little help is worth a deal of pity.

A WELL-WISHER.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

A Plea in Support

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—

Help gallant Greece defend democracy
Help heal her wounds, forfend autocracy.

Maybe this is not quite like Lord Byron, but it is an attempt to put a couple of pellets into the sling of David in his meeting with Goliath.

Anybody fighting for democracy fights our battle, so let us give our mites to the Greek Red Cross.

J. C. B.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

The Murder Feud:
Firm Action Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The murder of the Kiangsu Farmers' Bank employees en bloc by the alleged Nanking-hired gunmen and the mass arrest and detention of the 100 Bank of China employees by the Japanese Gendarmes, indeed, marked the highest record of crime in this city, which, doubtless, shocks the four million Shanghailanders as well as the whole world. We wonder what kind of city Shanghai will become in future if these atrocities should be tolerated. Nevertheless, we do understand that the competent authorities have done their utmost during the past to maintain local peace and order; and to their efforts and devotion to the promotion of welfare of this metropolis, we should express our hearty gratitude and support.

But the latest incidents, I fear, are too serious in nature to be overlooked, for they directly jeopardize the security of the entire local populace, the minimum right of which every one of us should have enjoyed if we still stand on our own feet and have faith in the highest principles of justice and righteousness. It is we, Shanghailanders of different nationalities, who have built this city of prosperity and hope. Now it is also we who should defend it against any "dark influence" at any cost. We trust that our competent authorities definitely are not cowards in facing this deplorable situation but that they will challenge and crush all the gangsters, brigands, murderers and kidnappers with the same courage as that of our pioneers of early days. My opinion is that in dealing with these two outrageous incidents, our competent authorities should demand the immediate release of the kidnapped bank employees on the ground that they are respectable inhabitants having nothing to do with politics and should make their best efforts to bring to law those cold-blooded murderers.

We firmly believe that right and reason will not fail us and that brutal force will be bound to perish. That is why Britain is fighting Hitler and that is why China is fighting Japan. With the same spirit, our competent authorities should make up their mind to fight the prevailing terrorism and brigandage.

HARRY YOUNG.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

Heloise and Abelard :
Platonic Story De-bunked

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In Saturday's issue H.I.T. seems interested in the Heloise-Abelard affair, but before starting in the letters H.I.T should read a de-bunked account by Mark Twain in his book "Innocents Abroad."

He, or she, will then find out that all the slobbery twaddle when boiled down is that Pierre Abelard a polished rhetorician and a thorough cad, under cover of friendship with Fulbert the uncle of poor little Heloise, seduced her, and to prove how "platonic" the affair was she gave birth to an illegitimate child.

The only cheerful item is where the historians report that "Ruffians hired by Fulbert (the broken-hearted and deluded uncle) fell upon Abelard by night and mutilated the blighter" or words to that effect, thus, we presume making sure of no more platonic affairs.

This choice specimen of a very immoral and hence romantic Golden Age later became head of a monastery, but fell from grace and died at Cluny A.D 1144 despised by all bar his still faithful sweetheart.

So when reading Abelard's letters H.I.T might remember they are the effusions of a miserable slimy hypocrite, but, of course, for some real inducement to weep in secret the pathetic letters of Heloise will be the very thing.

ROMANTIC MAIDEN.
(I dont think).

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

Nerve Specialist :
A Reader's Criticism

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In this morning's N.C.D.N. I see a picture of a gentleman and underneath the caption "The famous French nerve specialist" who has arrived in Shanghai. You also say in an article that he is on a combined travelling and lecture tour to make people acquainted with his new treatment called "Sympathetic Therapeutics." You also state that he effected a number of outstanding cures in Indo-China; also that his treatment consists in the application of "Nasal Touches." You are modest in your claims for his treatment when you say "Nasal Touches" is effective only in some diseases and mention twenty-seven ranging from headache to change of life, to say nothing of poorly developed children. Now I have been seriously ill for three months and as my convalescence is exceedingly slow I feel that if what you say about "Nasal Touches" is true I should try them, but before doing so would like your personal assurance that you have thoroughly investigated the qualifications, etc., of the gentleman you so highly recommend. For me it would be simply a miracle to be transferred from a sick room to the operating theatre (not as a patient) by the painless method of a couple of "Nasal Touches." As the gentleman in question is on a lecturing tour I would like to let him know that there is a clinical meeting of the Shanghai Medical Society on Thursday evening this week and a place could easily be found for a dissertation on "Nasal Touches" on the agenda.

W. E. O'HARA.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

***The article in question was an advertisement, and omission to indicate it as such was inadvertent.—ED.

Association Football:
How Charities Benefitted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—For the general information of followers of Association football in Shanghai, this Association would inform them that as a result of games played under the auspices of the Association during the past five seasons, that is from season 1936/37 up to and including season 1940/41, charitable organizations have benefitted to the extent of $107,874.06 which sum was distributed in the following manner:—

Chinese Charitable organizations	$ 61,613.18
Foreign Charitable organizations	$ 46,260.88
	$107,874.06

M. SPIEGLER, Secretary,
Shanghai Football Association.

White Flower Socy:
Ward for Children T.B.'s

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Owing to the present difficult and hard times of living the Committee of the "White Flower Society" which has been helping for many years the poor families with children suffering from tuberculosis by giving them meals and milk free of charge, has now decided to come forward to help the poor families who cannot support their tubercular children, to open a free ward for about ten kiddies. The said ward will be under the charge and support of the French Municipal Health Department and the Committee of the "White Flower Society."

The present expensive living conditions compel the Committee of the "White Flower Society" to appeal to the kindness of people willing to help the poor tubercular children by donating necessary things such as beds, mattresses, linen, milk, sugar, tea and other useful things or contributions, for the above-mentioned ward, which will be situated at 61 Paul Henri until more suitable premises can be found.

The Committee of the "White Flower Society tenders its most grateful thanks to all who will respond to this worthy of helping appeal.

THE COMMITTEE.

Shanghai, Mar. 20.

Blind Beggar Boy:
Now Being Cared For

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—A few days ago a lady correspondent drew attention in your columns to a young blind beggar who was being exploited on the Bund. That same day at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Rotary Club I referred to her kind letter, by which she donated $15 to the Salvation Army, $5 of which was earmarked for the Beggar Camp. One of our members enlisted the help of Miss Eleonor Hinder, Chief of the Industrial and Social Division of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and yesterday I saw the little boy at the camp eating his bowl of rice with the other boys.

The professional expression which he had to use (or else ...) had vanished from his face and the white scales that cover his eyes flickered as he talked animatedly to his companions. Our member George Fryer, Director of the Institute for the Chinese Blind, will soon take charge of him.

The camp which is being so efficiently managed by the Salvation Army is full and repatriation of those able and willing to go must make place for others. The rice problem is pressing.

At the basis of all this misery is the public's "handout" on the street. If instead of tossing a few coins to a beggar we would give the money to organized charity such as that practised at the corner of Singapore and Hart Roads out of the voluntary levy to which cinemagoers contribute daily, beggardom would disappear and with it a constant source of disease.

G. W. BOISSEVAIN
President Rotary Club of Shanghai.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

***A Sceptical Young Lady:—In accordance with the customary rule your letter cannot be published unless authenticated with your name and address. They will not be divulged.—ED.

S.V.C. Orders

Annual Inspection:—The following extract from the Municipal Gazette, dated February 28, is published for information:—In view of the fact that the majority of members of the Corps have been doing regular duty in "B" Sector since last August, the Council has decided, on the recommendation of the Commandant, S.V.C., to forego the usual Corps Inspection Parade this year, and to substitute in its place inspection of each Unit by the Commandant. It is pointed out that the Council's decision refers to suspension for the current year only, and does not imply that the Corps Parade will not be held in future years. Dates of unit inspections have now been arranged and O.C. units notified, further details will be issued later.

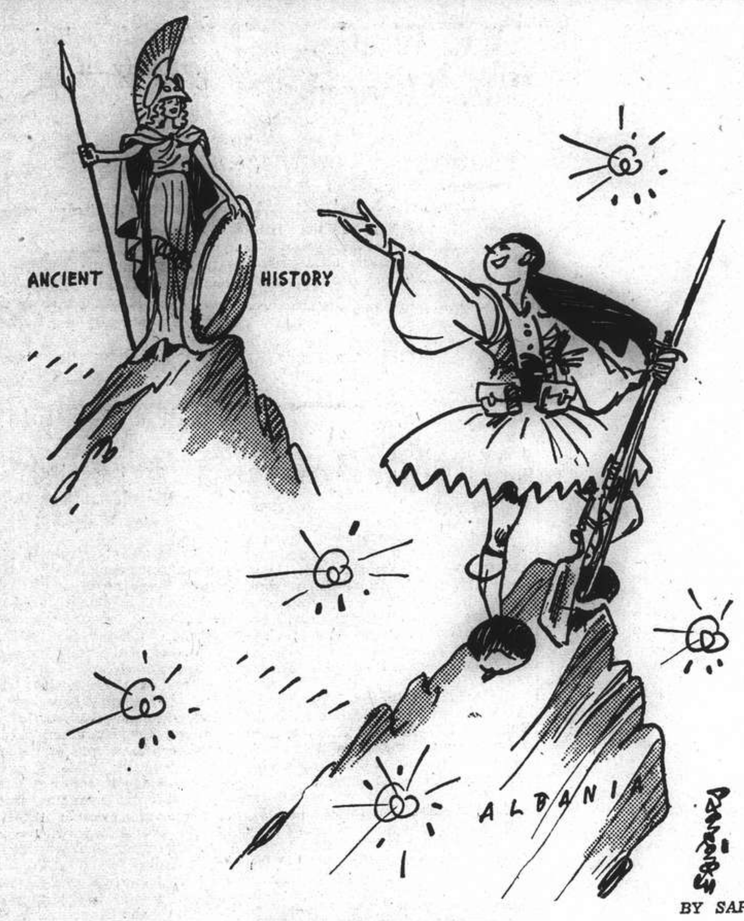
Correspondence in the Press:—The following Corps Regulation is repeated for information:—M.C.R. 42. Correspondence in the Press.—An officer of volunteer is forbidden to publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly or indirectly to the press any military information or his views on any subject in connection with the Corps or in connection with any of the military or naval forces of any nationality in or around Shanghai. He shall not take part in public in a discussion relating to any orders, regulations or instructions issued by his superiors.

Promotions and Appointments:—Sergeant Robert George John Bulldeath, "B" Company is promoted Warrant Officers Class II and appointed Company Sergeant Major with effect from March 14.

Inter-Unit Transfers:—Private L. H. Dopson, Light Automatic (A.D.) Company is transferred to Armoured Car Company with effect from March 17.

Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—American Troop—Tpr. T. A. Imergluck Mar 14. Corps Troops:—Interpreter Company.—Privates K. C. Keh, S. Y. Liu, T. Z. Hoong, L. G. Dong, T. Y. Chang, S. L. Zung, Z. Z. Tai, Y. M. Soong, J. K. Woo, K. Y. Pan, K. K. Chang, K. C. Zung, K. P. Zia, R. C. Chu, Y. L. Sung, H. Z. Chow, Z. S. Chen, C. F. Loh, S. C. Chang, Y. H. Wang, N. C. Chang, C. Y. Loh, K. J. Keh, C. M. Yue March 18. "A" Battalion:—"B" Company.—Pte. W. C. Norman March 20. Scottish Company.—Pte. D. G. M. Pearson March 20. "C" Battalion:—Russian Company.—Pte. T. J. Tansky March 17. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—Light Horse.—Tpr. F. E. T. Marshall March 19, Tpr. L. Handley-Derry March 19. American Troop.—Tpr. S. Abolnik March 14. Corps Troops:—Interpreter Co.—Pte. Y. S. Lien March 17. "A" Battalion:—"A" Company.—Pte. W. Lowe March 15, Pte. F. W. J. Barling March 14. "B" Company.—Pte. B. Hadar ("B" Cl. Res.) March 18. Scottish Co.—L/Cpl. D. P. Ross March 18. Jewish Company.—Pte. J. L. Ozeriansky March 19. Pte. B. Popielarz March 18. Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Pte. J. E. L. Larsen March 18. "B" Battalion:—Headquarters.—Bn. Q.M.S. J. R. Reed March 18. "C" Battalion:—Armoured Car Co.—Pte. C. R. W. Alford March 14. Scandinavian Co.—Pte. K. Asenaskevich March 18. Pte. F. Skopin March 18.

MR. HAN KUO-CHUN, a governor of Kiangsu, retired, choose death rather than work for the Japanese. He swallowed gold on March 13, at the district of Taihsien, when the Japanese put pressure upon him, says a belated report to the "Sin Wan Pao." The 85-year-old official died the following day, much bemoaned by the local populace, the report adds.



Many, Happy Returns !

Definite Canon of Good, Bad Taste
With One Exception Sunday Concert Exquisite; Plea Made to Broadcast

Taste in music is one of those intangible conceptions over which there will always be much argument. But there is, whatever other people may say or think, a definite canon of good and bad taste. The development of good taste is a matter of education, mainly of self-education; bad taste is the promiscuous enjoyment of all the fare that is offered one. The merits of each particular work have very little to do with their tastefulness. Wagner, for instance, was a genius but his taste must be considered questionable; whereas Bach's taste was impeccable though much that he wrote is dull and uninspired. Taste is akin to refinement and holds the balance with merit.

Last Sunday's concert was almost an essay in taste. Apart from the last work played, every piece was of exquisite character and was what might be called a cultured ideal of music. In comparison with the foregoing works, Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol" was obviously blatant and rather childish. Taste cannot be reduced to a formula of words but must be cultivated in the listener and, once cultivated, brings with it a new understanding and enjoyment of art.

The programme rather irritatingly neglected to indicate the actual works from which the three excerpts for strings were taken. Presumably the Bach Prelude is from the Violin Sonata in E Minor with the orchestration by Hans Richter. It is certainly of interest, to me at least, to know the source of this work. Haydn wrote at least three Quartets in E though which one this was, I don't know. The Beethoven Scherzo from the Quartet in F, Opus 135, suffered, as did not the Bach and Haydn, from being removed from its proper environment. The posthumous Quartets have a unique position in the repertoire of music and they contain the most profound thought that has ever been expressed aurally. To remove one of their movements for individual performance is as playing one scene from Shakespeare, unintelligible.

"Perfect Model for All Time"

The "Jupiter" Symphony is its name. "A perfect model for all time, both architecturally and emotionally" has been said of it. Maestro Paci had obviously taken a lot of care in the rehearsal of this Symphony and we were repaid for his pains. The finale, a revelation of the art of counterpoint, has to be played perfectly, as indeed does all music. Faure's "Masque et Bergamaques" was delightful. The composer was one of those highly refined products of 19th Century France. He can justly be compared to Flaubert with his encyclopædic care of detail and with his highly polished finished article. "Masques at Bergamasques" is the 18th Century through 19th Century eyes with the weaknesses eradicated yet with all the full beauty remaining.

It is a pity that such a concert is not available to a larger audience for then the columns of this paper would not be inundated with the letters of those who decry our only cultural institution. Could they but hear the orchestra at its best they must realize that in a materialistic and war-racked world art is a sure way to retain sanity of outlook. We have no municipal art gallery and no library worthy of the name but we have an orchestra and let us keep it. And it is for these reasons that I would like to endorse F.A.'s letter of last Tuesday in which he so sensibly suggests that the orchestra be made available to everyone through the agency of one of our many broadcasting stations.
—G.H.

Protest Against Seizure of Danish Ships

Santiago Mar. 23.

A protest against the seizure of Danish ships, at present tied up in Chilean ports, by the Chilean Government has been lodged with the Foreign Ministry here by the Danish Minister to Chile.

The Minister appealed to the Chilean authorities to reconsider their decision. It is believed that the Foreign Ministry will reply in the negative to this request.—Havas Telemondial.

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6.15 News in Chinese (Shanghai dialect).
6.30 Chinese music.
6.35 News in Chinese (Mandarin).
6.50 Light music
7.20 Music by Russian composers.
7.30 News in Russian.
7.45 Music by Russian composers.
7.50 Light music
8.00 Causerie by Mme Claude Riviére. France in the Levantine countries. Syria—neuralgic point of pan-Islamic and Pan-Arabian currents, thoroughfare of interests and melting pot of populations.
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2.00 Czechoslovak News and Commentary
2.30 Polish Music
3.00 Dance Music
3.30 Women and Home, including a reading on "Wild Life," at 3.50 p.m.
4.30 Chinese Programme in Mandarin and Shanghai Dialects, including Professor Chao Mei-pa's Musical Programme at 5.00 p.m.
6.30 Netherlands News and Commentary
7.30 French News and Commentary
8.00 **Relay of B.B.C. News (Conditions Permitting)**
8.20 Greek Independence Day Programme
8.30 Recital of Songs and Arias by Mme. Lisa Robitchek, accompanied by Maestro Henry Margolinski
9.00 **News in English followed by B.B.C. Programme and Local Announcements**
9.20 "Word From England." Talk by Bernard Hale
9.30 Symphony Concert
Rachmaninoff Programme
(1) Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini—op. 43. Played by Rachmaninoff and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra
(2) Suite for 2 Pianos
(3) Symphony No. 2 in E Minor—op. 27. Played by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Eugene Ormandy
11.00 **Late Night Final**
11.10 Peter Adam's German Programme
11.40-11.45 Moviegoers News Summary

Empire United In Prayer
King and Queen Attend Service; Heads of the Churches Broadcast

London, Mar. 24.

Yesterday was observed as a day of prayer in Empire countries in accordance with the request of the King.

Messages state that special services were held in almost every town and village throughout South Africa, while in India prayers in Moslem mosques and Hindu temples joined those in churches.

In Britain

All over Britain people knelt to dedicate themselves anew to the crusade against tyranny yesterday, which was observed by the wish of the King as a national day of prayer.

The King himself, with the Queen and the Princesses, attended one service with local residents. There were 1,500 people in the crypt under St. Paul's Cathedral, and thousands of Catholics filed into Westminster Cathedral as a Mass was said every half hour throughout the morning.

Millions gathered in churches, chapels, synagogues and Salvation Army citadels. Often they raised their heads in prayer to see the scars inflicted by bomb and fire.

Bomber Downed

In the middle of a service in the north of Scotland, nearby guns crashed out and brought down a German bomber. The service was continued amid din, and none of the congregation left.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, broadcasting last evening, said: "Have we not reason to feel exalted by the thought that it has been given to us of this generation to maintain the greatest cause ever entrusted to this nation? Think of the millions in countries now enslaved by the enemy who are longing for the victory of our arms to bring them deliverance. Think of the unbroken unity of will and purpose which binds the whole British nation together, and of the cheering successes already won."

Cardinal Hinsley, Roman Catholic Primate, also made a broadcast, in which he said: "In this deadly conflict we are pitted against the powers of darkness, which have unleashed a satanic campaign against God—against not only the revealed religion of Christ but against natural religion, in which the reason of man may find justice, truth and brotherhood. For or against God—that is now the supreme issue of this conflict."—Reuter.

Roosevelt Fishes In Gulf Stream
To Relax From Recent Heavy Strain

With Presidential Party in Azuth Gulf Stream, Mar. 24.

President Roosevelt on Saturday spent most of the day fishing from his yacht in the Azuth Gulf Stream as a destroyer cruised off the bow of the Presidential yacht.

The President was clad in an old yellow sweater. He is accompanied by a few Washington officials and his personal physician and will spend about ten days relaxing from the strain of his recent heavy Washington programme.—United Press.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 26, 1871

From Ningpo:—every one who has been to Ningpo must remember the old pagoda within the city walls, and will be able to appreciate the extraordinary nature of a feat related by a correspondent. A Chinese got out on to the top of the roof, began uprooting and throwing down the plants that are growing there, and suddenly came down from his giddy standpoint, by clambering down outside the wall. In order that the proceeding may be understood by those who have not seen the Ningpo pagoda, we must explain that the verandahs, roofs and all the external ornaments which cluster round the Loonghwa pagoda have decayed; leaving nothing but a bare hexagonal pillar 160 ft. high. It is needless to say the man was insane; he was taken hold of by the tipao directly he reached the ground.

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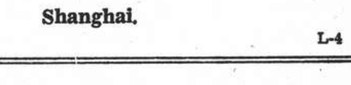

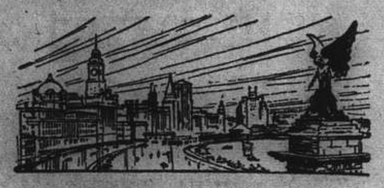

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THE GLORY OF GREECE

One hundred and twenty years ago today the Greeks took up arms to fight for their independence and freedom and after a long struggle they secured it. In this year of grace they are fighting for the same things. They are fighting with a determination which has earned for them the plaudits of the whole world, save perhaps, the dictator Powers, one of which, believing it would be easy to swallow Greece, so treacherously attacked her last year. The Greeks not too well equipped for winter fighting eagerly responded to the challenge, drove the Italians out of that part of Greece which they succeeded in invading, chased them well into Albania, and inflicted severe defeats upon them contrary to everything which Mussolini expected. For sheer bravery, and dogged determination the Greeks have surpassed themselves. They stand as a model to all nations who hold honour dearer than servile peace, and as a lasting reproach to those larger countries which have allowed themselves to be cowed and broken by threats of invasion.

It is no longer fitting to speak of the glory that was Greece, but more appropriate to think of the glory that is Greece for its people are fighting with precisely the same courage which marked some of the wars of their early history which have long since passed into tradition. This race of warriors who asked for nothing more than to be allowed to follow the pursuits of peace has been reborn to a new greatness, thanks to the late General Metaxas whose foresight led him to prepare his country for such a struggle as that which has now been forced upon it. His untimely death was undoubtedly a sad blow to the nation he loved, but he had at least the satisfaction of knowing before he died that his estimate of his people's will to defend themselves was an accurate one, and that the Greeks are no effete nation but a race of virile people, who, fighting against heavy odds, have been able to vindicate their honour in manner which cannot but arouse the greatest enthusiasm.

In the correspondence columns today will be found extracts from the letter of a Shanghai lady, living in Athens, giving some account of the appalling conditions under which the Greek soldiers have been demonstrating their bravery. It is a painful story which indicates the sublimity of the heroism with which the Greeks are fighting for their independence. Britons who read it, cannot but feel proud of the privilege which the British forces possess of being able to fight by the side of such men. And the people of the United States which has extended aid to Greece as well as Great Britain and her other allies must undoubtedly feel gratified that their Government made the decisions which make such assistance possible. It may very well be that this David will have proved in the long run to have brought about the final destruction of the Axis Goliath. What then will those other nations, which have sold their freedom and independence to Hitler because of fear, think of the Greeks who chose the nobler road?

From time to time subscription lists have been published including donations to the Greek Red Cross. It is fully realized that the demands which are being made upon the pockets of those supporting the various British war funds are indeed heavy, but may it not be possible as a gesture to the local Greek community to spare something which could go to relieve the sufferings of those brave men who have been fighting nature as well as the Italians and doing so splendidly? It was possible last year to do something for the Finns whose intrepidity was also an inspiration to the world, and if the community of Shanghai could do something for the Greeks, it would at least mark the admiration in which they are held. For the rest Greece is fighting for that freedom for which her sons laid down their lives one hundred and twenty years ago. On this their national day the hearts of all those, who hold dear the hardly acquired rights of man, will go out to the sturdy little nation which refused to be intimidated, and is exchanging blows with a much larger country very much to the latter's discomfort. And the hope, nay, the certainty is expressed that their struggle will not be in vain, but that Greece will maintain her freedom in the greater glory which is hers.

POST-WAR ORGANIZATION

The demands of a total war have brought about what is little less than a revolution in British industry. This revolution is somewhat more drastic than anything which followed Marshal Goering's declaration in Germany that "guns were better than butter"; since German industry had never, even after the catastrophic defeat of 1918, been really geared into peace rather than war production. German industry had been modelled on a pattern which always had an ultimate war in mind, whereas Britain, the first to experience the industrial revolution, as it was called, developed from a mildly artisan nation into the steam and metal producers of the later nineteenth century by a succession of what might appear to the rest of the world as happy, or unhappy, accidents. There was little, if any, planning. The result was that when competition arose in a serious form, and other countries, taking advantage of the mistakes they had observed in the gradual British evolution into industrialism, improved on the British system, Britain looked as if she would be left far behind. In Germany, in particular, industrialization was planned. And it was planned with the object in view of ultimately having to battle against Britain's system. As a result it was more efficient in management, though less effective in many other things, among them the supply of materials for manufacture.

When the Nazis came into power they realised that the easiest way by which they could obtain materials for manufacture was by fighting for them. It was a long way round to compete in world markets with a nation or nations—for by that time the United States and Japan were serious industrial rivals—for a supply of the essentials to keep thousands of factories busy. So the German industrial potential was turned to war. Herr Hitler and his satellites preached racial doctrines—which would not hold water even by German scientific standards—and declaimed that the Germans needed living room, though they had plenty; but the ultimate object of all this agitation was not to give every German "two acres and a cow," but to ensure that Germany had a monopoly of the world's raw materials, so that other industrial nations were reduced to tilling their fields in order to provide their peoples with enough to live upon and a little more, so that the German *Herrenvolk* might batten upon their surpluses. The Germans also evolved an economic system in which the basic currency was not gold or any other form of money, but was labour. Germans were encouraged to work and work and work, because the value of their labour was better, so it was said, than the value of the gold they might have been paid for it, had the Reich had the necessary bullion. From these two ideas—that the Reich had some divine right to monopolize the world's resources of raw materials, and that work was the criterion on which the "new order" was to be built—have been born influences which must have a great effect upon shaping the world that is to come. For at least one of these ideas is worthy of consideration.

The idea behind socialism, as it is understood in all countries outside Germany and possibly Japan, is to enable the worker to exploit his leisure hours to his best advantage, as opposed to the old idea that the employer may exploit the workers' working hours to *his* advantage. The Nazis, with their conception of the total state, reached a compromise between these two objectives in that the employer and the worker could be exploited to the State's advantage, leaving it to the state to decide whether these advantages could be obtained best by peace or war. The frame of mind of the Nazis inclined towards war. It seemed to be the short cut to prosperity. How great their mistake will prove to be has yet to be shown; but there are nevertheless clear indications that war will not be a short cut to prosperity, but an easy road to ruin.

With these points in view it is interesting to note that the main leader in the planning of a new world in Britain is Mr. Arthur Greenwood, a member of the British War Cabinet. Mr. Greenwood is a member of the Labour Party, a socialist. His ideas are not bound by the national boundaries of the Empire. The Labour Party in Britain before the war, and indeed before the coalition with the Conservatives and Liberals under Mr. Churchill, based its plans for the future upon a broad internationalism—too broad for many of the Conservatives to stomach. The idealism behind the conception was admitted to be admirable; but many thought it went too far and could not be realised. And it is quite possible that this opinion would still predominate if Hitler had not exploded many preconceived notions at the same time as he blew up the Guildhall, St. Bride's Church, Coventry Cathedral, and thousands of working class homes. These explosions have not only changed the views of many of the Conservatives of Britain; they have exploded many of the ideas of the internationalists as well. There can be no doubt at all that the new world which will be built upon the wreckage after the victory of the democracies will not be founded upon any of the old conceptions. The foundations will be laid upon something altogether new.

Delivering The Goods

"Four-engined aircraft from the United States are now being delivered to the Ministry of Aircraft Production." Behind this announcement, made in London a few days ago, there are two interesting points. The first is that the new planes (they were long-range bombers) were flown across the Atlantic, and the second that they were only one of many types of United States bombers that are pouring in these days to reinforce the excellent bombing planes now being manufactured in Britain for the Royal Air Force. Some of these American machines already have taken part in long-distance raids over Germany. So far, however, most of those raids have been made by British-made long-distance machines, including the excellent Stirling bomber, which has proved to be one of the finest aeroplanes in the world today. Among the American machines that are now in service after trans-Atlantic flights are the Lockheed Hudson, long range reconnaissance bomber, which is used mainly by the Coastal Command, the Boeing B17, four-engined bomber popularly called the "Flying Fortress," the Consolidated two-engined flying boat, and the Lockheed Vega Ventura, a larger and faster version of the Lockheed Hudson. Including those four types there are now more than thirty types of U.S. aircraft supplementing the output of factories in Great Britain, Canada and Australia. These facts give great promise of a rapid growth of the R.A.F., so that numerical superiority may be added to tactical superiority much earlier than was at one time thought possible. Perhaps of greater significance are the facts that as Britain loses bombers on active service there will be a constant stream of aircraft supplies from the United States and, as factories in America rapidly attain full production, more and more long-range bombers will be coming to supplement Britain's output of that type of machine, which will bode ill for Germany. So far Hitler's Reich has not suffered from the widespread attacks that his air force has carried out over Britain from nearby bases in occupied territory but, with the coming of score after score of American machines under the Lend-Lease Bill, it will be Britain's turn to give Germans a taste of the vast striking power of the Royal Air Force.

ALONG THE HIGHWAYS

March 22.—We were in a Bubbling Well Road garden today and saw a planting combination that was charming and worthy of mention. White and purple crocus flowers literally covered the grass slopes of a bank planted with the pink and salmon shades of the flowering Quince while many blooms were open in the clumps of "Flag" Iris. The effect was very decorative and it would please even the most fastidious amongst local horticulturists. The scarlet Cydonia is more striking than the salmon variety; but a shrub of the latter in full flower is very lovely and the flowers appear so delicate: we can imagine it being a great favourite with the ladies, for a branch must look charming in a vase; we have never tried it as a cut flower, however, for we are too fond of it in the garden to cut a stem in full flower. We thought it was rather early for the ordinary "Flag" Iris to be opening its flowers, the plants were on the south side of a mound, but the location was not sheltered by any means. We were also admiring another colour scheme today: this was in the garden in the Holly Heath estate where we have found so many plants not seen in other local gardens. Ranunculus and Anemones predominated in this combination, while the Autumn-blooming Iris added a touch of blue to the picture. The display was very charming. There are many Iris enthusiasts in this city and we wonder whether any of them have grown the Autumn-blooming "Flag." It is a most useful member of the "Rainbow" family, the beauty of which is proverbial. The plants at present in flower were referred to in these notes on November 9 and again on December 15 and, in our opinion, a plant that will produce beautiful flowers in November and December and again in March is worth growing in any garden. We found another "new" plant in this out-of-the-ordinary garden: it was the black Calla Lily (*Arum palæstinum*) a native of Palestine that is grown chiefly as an oddity. It was flowering along with Schizanthus, Camellias, a beautiful Azalea, Bougainvilleas, Poinsettias and many other plants. Good Friday is considered to be potato-planting day in many parts of England; but here we have to be on the job a little earlier: seed is being planted all over the place these days and Daffodils are flowering in profusion in many gardens. These must be somewhat earlier than usual, for Easter Sunday used to be referred to as "daffodil day."—W.J.K.

TRAINING R.A.F. PILOTS

Instructors Fulfil Task Without Glamour

Flying instructors at a score of training schools dotted behind the front line about the English countryside may bask in some glory—but it's only reflected glory, states the "Christian Science Monitor." Prime Minister Winston Churchill wasn't thinking of them when he described Britain's young airmen as "knights of the air."

They get none of the glamour which surrounds the fighter and bomber pilots. They never swoop over Berlin. They never get the chance to shoot down a Dornier, a Heinkel, or a Messerschmitt. In fact, they never even see a Nazi. "When Jerry comes, we make for home," one said. "It's our job to get our pupils safely back to fly another day."

After all, they are doing their bit just the same. Britain's bomber force is expanding rapidly, helped by an increasing number of machines from the United States, and the instructors must have ready the men to fly them.

The chief flying instructor at a certain station, a South African squadron-leader whose first pupil was a fellow South African who recently won his Distinguished Flying Cross, explained how the instructors work: "first of all we have to find out just how a pupil ticks. We watch the speed of his reactions and often can tell almost at once just how good—or bad—a pilot he will be. Then we must gain his confidence. That is the most important thing of all. After that—well, we just try to pump into him all we know. And here it's not always the best pilot who makes the best teacher."

Most instructors, he added, take it almost as their own failure when a pupil fails to reach the required standard and is "grounded" as unsuitable to be a pilot. But they share in the reflected glory of an old pupil's triumphs. There are many pupils in this school with an establishment a great deal larger to ensure they have the best training that can be devised for them. As all pupils will graduate as bomber pilots after their course, the training is carried out on twin-engined airspeed Oxford monoplanes. They come from the elementary flying training school where they have learned the routine business of flying aircraft on a lighter single-engined machine.

In the dual-control Oxfords the pupil sitting side by side with his teacher, faces for the first time the imposing mass of instruments carried by a service aircraft, learns how to use his trimming tabs, formation work, cross-country navigation, blind flying, signals and elementary bombing.

Sealed Skeletonized Maps Carried

When able to fly without the instructor, the pupil is given skeletonized maps and sent off cross-country to a distant objective just as if he were really on a bombing raid. The maps show him his objective, which he must photograph or otherwise describe in detail, but it shows him nothing of the intervening country over which he must fly by his instruments alone. But he carries a set of sealed maps "just in case he gets hopelessly lost." Bombing is practiced by radio signal or lamp flash, as the plane flies over its "target," officers watching below can judge to within a few feet the accuracy of the bombing by checking the exact position of the plane at the time the pilot signals he has released his imaginary bombs.

"I think bomber pilots require more cool courage than the fighter men," the chief flying instructor said. "The fighter pilot goes up and shoots down his opponent while he's hot. It's all over in a few minutes and he's back on the aerodrome. But the bomber pilot has to go perhaps 1,000 miles or more, often in apalling weather conditions and knowing that at best he will meet anti-aircraft and searchlights, at worst perhaps an enemy pursuit plane which may be faster and more powerful in armament than his bomber as well as having the advantage of operating near its home base. And when at last he has reached and bombed his target, he has to get home—and home is a very long way away. No, I think bomber pilots don't get all the praise they deserve."

"Neither do we," chipped in another instructor with a grin, "Other blokes get all the fun—we get the circuits and bumps."

WAR FUND BAROMETER

The Voluntary War Contribution Fund has been open for 263 days and there have been 5,984 contributors. The War Savings Association has been open for 269 days and there have been 1,095 contributors. The latest totals follow:—

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Letter from An Aunt

My dear Boy (Nat Gubbins of the "Sunday Express,")

We don't know how long we can stay with the people who are putting us up, as your Uncle Fred and the husband have almost come to blows—it all happened over the butter at breakfast—your Uncle Fred thought the husband had finished and slapped the last bit on his round of toast—the wife said, "I thought that was your butter, Henry," and the husband replied, "It was, but you can't expect to own anything, even a half-ounce of butter, when you open your doors to the sweepings of the streets"—of course, this was too much for your Uncle Fred, who is Indian Army on both sides back to his great-grandfather—he threw his toast at the husband and went out for his shotgun—the wife screamed and Emily fainted, and poor darling Porgy bit one of the children in his excitement—fortunately the police have confiscated your Uncle Fred's shotgun again.

One of the main difficulties of living in other people's houses is that you have no privacy or place of your own—when there's a raid the family sleeps in the shelter and we sleep in the bedrooms—when there's no raid they want the bedrooms and we sleep on settees in the dining-room and drawing-room, so there is a constant moving of underclothes and bedclothes and the maid coming in to dust the room or lay breakfast just when you're getting some sleep—sometimes I've left half my clothes in another room and wait half-dressed in the hall till somebody's out of the bathroom—and as soon as you get in the bathroom the husband hammers on the door wanting to know how long you're going to be as he is a busy man who has work to do if nobody else has.

Poor darling Porgy is always in trouble—I told you that he buried the husband's bedroom slippers in the garden—how he has taken his favourite pipe and buried that too and torn a pair of his socks to pieces—instead of losing their tempers I do wish people would realize that poor darling Porgy only does that sort of thing to people he loves.

After the butter incident we are now frightened to eat anything at meals—your Uncle Fred and the husband glare at each other and there is a dead silence except for Emily sniffing—if the shelter wasn't flooded we would go back to it at once.

—Your loving Aunt Maud.

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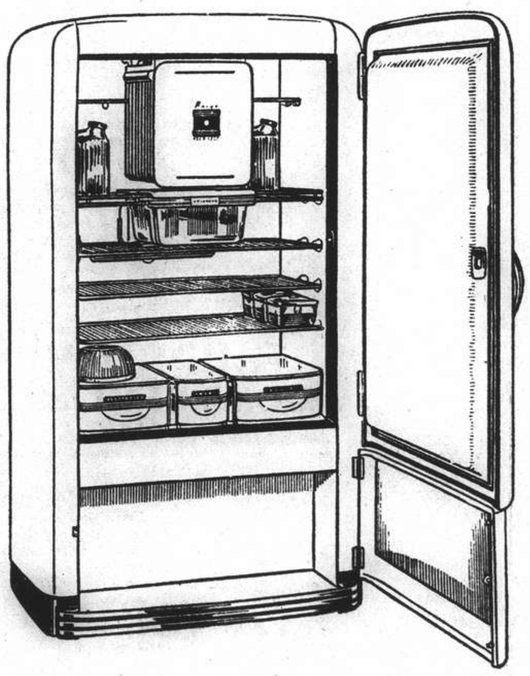
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THE SPORTS PAGE

Play Resumed in Commercial Ten Pin League Series

Marine Fixtures Postponed Because of Bombings; Good Scores on American Club Alleys

THE bombing incidents in various parts of the Settlement yesterday, particularly in the American Defence Sector, called for the postponement of Marine engagements in the City Commercial Ten-Pin League series as the personnel had their leave cancelled and were ordered to stand-by.

The matches held over were the Headquarters *v.* 1st Battalion in the Hardwood Section and the 2nd Battalion-Post Mercury clash in the Softwood loop. Incidentally, these were to have been the indicators to the eventual winners of the two sections.

Chantural was in deadly form at the American Club where he bagged the triple and single honours with scores of 606 and 247, respectively, which enabled the Engineering squad to trim the Chamber of Commerce five by the odd game in three bringing the teams to a deadlock in the series. This game was studded with several pinfalls over the 200-mark. Quinn 216, Mortimer and Perry 213 each, Kohnert 217, Dobrenky 212, Swan 206 and Perry 202 were the high keglers.

The Shipping and Insurance team maintained their string of single-game victories as they were nosed out again by the Transports thanks to the consistent trundling of Crow and Brisk.

The lowly A.A.U. team smashed into the winning column by trouncing the Chase Bank, 3-0, while the Automobiles jumped over the Texaco Bears in the league standings on a shutout victory at the expense of their cellar mates. Manney for the Autoists was the high gun on a single of 211.

Last night's results brought minor changes to the league standings as the teams are bunched. The leaders, will play off their postponed games sometime during the week.

Another league record was set with the Engineering credited with the team triple, including handicap, of 3,140, and the team single of 1,093.

Detailed Results

The results in detail follow:—

Hardwood Section

G-Men 1		Accountants 2	
Collins	462		
White	433	Cochran	456
Howes	93	Eisenhut	513
Mulliner	429	Watton	528
Engdahl	405	Huggett	456
Bergen	237	Mottu	432
Handicap	560	Handicap	330
	2,609		2,717
Ch. of Commerce 1		Engineering 2	
Clark	548	Kohnert	560
Quinn	551	Chanturai	606
Perry	558	Dobrenky	584
Janszen	476	Swan	543
Mortimer	585	Gallop	488
Handicap	378	Handicap	339
	3,096		3,140
Automobiles 3		Texaco Bears 0	
		Foyn	249
Bourne	448	Willis	274
Huppman	424	Robertson	373
Ricks	507	Beiling	218
Lanney	468	Henke	402
Manney	505	Marshall	476
Handicap	507	Handicap	556
	2,859		2,543

Softwood Section

Telephones 1		Texaco Stars 2	
		Krause	533
Cuthbert	510	Gorman	457
Hartnett	501	Smith	532
Pollak	435	Magyer	426
Souter	466	Worden	250
Symons	349	Carson	114
Handicap	438	Handicap	461
	2,699		2,773
A.A.U. 3		Chase Bank 0	
Lorenzen	538	Robinson	480
Polis	397	Karg	471
Brenner	456	Benney	380
Collins	340	Duthie	339
Dalziach	381	Miller	377
Handicap	831	Handicap	633
	2,923		2,684
Transportation 2		Ship. & Ins. 1	
Polin	459		
Crow	553	Brown	523
Hubert	395	Gonsalves	525
Karolitch	464	Elliott	482
Young	136	Dalton	506
Brisk	529	Hebel	495
Handicap	452	Handicap	306
	2,948		2,837

Amateur Boxing on Thursday Night

Shield by Mr. Keswick for Police-Marine Tourney

The stage is all set for the Amateur Boxing Contest on Thursday night at the S.V.C. Drill Hall when members of the Shanghai Municipal Police boxing squad will have the honour of "christening" the new official Police colours—silver and blue—in their slugfest with the U.S. Fourth Marines. Several beautiful trophies have been presented, amongst them being the Ewo Challenge Shield presented by Mr. W. J. Keswick for the winning team and a silver cup from Maj. R. M. Bourne, Commissioner of Police, for the winner of the Police Amateur Lightweight Championship.

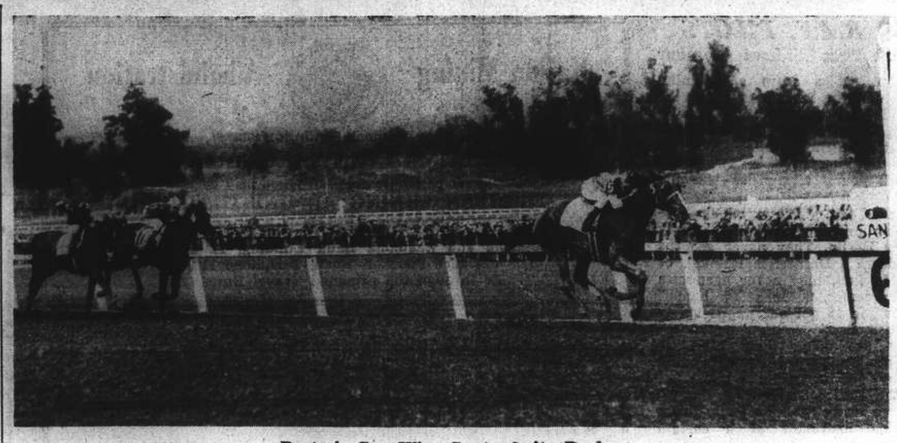
A couple of last-minute changes were made yesterday on the card due to further injuries. Peregaltzeff has been matched with Sparks of the Marines, with Deviatoff pitted against Sheya. In the invitation "pro" scrap, Petrozzi will meet Mardensky in place of "Tiger" Simpkins.

"Smiling" George Levchenko, the undefeated welterweight champion of China, was seen working out yesterday at the gymnasium of the Russian Auxiliary Detachment and appeared in fine shape. His workout was a revelation to the onlookers. He retained that sparkle in his eyes and snappy footwork which carried him to the top of the ladder. His straight lefts are as deadly today as the day he won the title. His timing, however, was erratic due to his long absence from the ring, nevertheless, he is bent on meeting "Happy" Welch, welterweight champion, in the near future.

The boys will weigh-in on Thursday morning and judging from the advance sales a sell-out is assured as the plans show over 60 per cent. sold. Every ticket is reserved and fistic devotees are urged to get their tickets without delay.

Men's Badminton

In a first round match of the Men's Badminton Singles Championship played last night at St. John's University, K. L. Yong defeated C. S. Hou by 11-15, 15-11, 15-10.



Porter's Cap Wins Santa Anita Derby

Competing for the U.S. $50,000 prize, Mr. Charles S. Howard's fine animal, Porter's Cap, romped home by five lengths last month in the American classic.

3 Divisions of Volleyball

Gratifying to See Fine Hold Sport Has Taken; Smaller "A" Entry List

DESPITE the extraordinarily high entrance fee imposed by the Foreign Y.M.C.A., the sponsors of all three divisions of the Volleyball competition, substantial entries have been received and have reached a total of 21. It is gratifying to see the fine hold this sport has taken among local enthusiasts and proof of their keenness is their surmounting of the chief obstacle—the comparative high competing fee of $90, of which the forfeiture fee of $15 is included.

The entries, however in comparison to 36 of last year, are definitely smaller. The "B" division of the Men's section have received the strongest support, like in the past, and ten different aggregations are listed. Meanwhile there has been a dearth of entries in the "A" division and against the six of last year, there are only four.

Unexpectedly support has been received in the Ladies division, seven teams having signified their intention of competing, of which four are from the W.S.S. division of the Foreign "Y."

No Lack of Interest

The centre of interest will naturally focus in the Men's "A" division and although there is a shortage of entries it should not be lacking interest as the four participating teams are of high calibre and should give the Foreign Y.M.C.A., the winners of the contest last year, a hard tussle. It will also be interesting to see how the Imcas will fare in the Senior division. They did not encounter much difficulty last year when they took the title with a good margin to spare. Their line-up will consist of almost the indentical players as last year.

Meanwhile, the favourites in the Ladies section are the You Hsing sextette. It will be recalled that they displayed a fine brand of volleyball to take the title last year and will be making every effort to retain the crown.

When interviewed last night, Mr. Len Bright, the Physical Director of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. stated that competition in all three divisions will be run on the round-robn system but will vary in the number of rounds to be played. The Men's "A" division will be played over two rounds, consequently affording each team nine games. In the "B" division, the tournament will only be played one round which also gives each contesting unit a total of nine games.

Russian Cup Match In Yangtszepoo

Athletic Association Beaten by Sokol

One of the most one-sided soccer matches of the season was seen on Sunday at the Waterworks football field at Yangtszepoo when the Sokol eleven annihilated the Russian Athletic Association by the overwhelming margin of fourteen goals, the score being 14-0, in a preliminary encounter for the Russian Cup.

From the spectators point of view the match was most uninteresting even for the most ardent supporters of the Sokols, as the game was far too uneven and was consequently devoid of any exciting play.

Wet Grounds

The winners would probably have emerged victorious by a far bigger score if the ground had been dry. Numerous opportunities of shooting went astray when players slipped in the goalmouth to send the ball wide. Sokol enjoyed the complete run of the game and although it was somewhat amusing in the earlier minutes of the fray, it became monotonous towards the end.

The final tussle of the competition will be held next Sunday when Sokol will meet the Russian Regiment. This should result in a much closer game. At the conclusion of this match the Russian Cup will be presented to the winning eleven.

Huddersfield Beat Rochdale

London, Mar. 24.

In a match in the North Regional League on Saturday, Huddersfield beat Rochdale, 11 to nil.—Reuter.

Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association Meet

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association will be held on Friday, 5.30 p.m., in the main lounge of the Foreign Y.M.C.A.

Probable Starters for Lincolnshire Handicap

London, Mar. 24.

Following are the probable starters for the Lincolnshire Handicap to be run on March 26:

Quarter Maitre (Gordon Richards), Bold Nick (Carey), Time Step (Lane), Ridley (J. Taylor), Lion Tamer (Harry Wragg), Rue de la Paix (S. Wragg), Mickie Bulger (P. Evans), Ephorus (Michael Beary), Gloaming (D. Dick), Uncle Archie (K. Mullins), Crony Moor (E. Smith), Larboard (Worrall), Monopole (D. Smith), Saints Within (Richardson), Bygone (Fitton), Overdraft (G. Hives), Michel Grove (D. Greening), Abbe, Smy.—Reuter.

Rice Breaks World's 2-Mile Record

London, Mar. 24.

Gregory Rice, whose brilliance featured American indoor athletics during the winter, ran two miles in 8 min. 51 1/10 sec. at Chicago during the week-end, thus beating his own world record made in 1940 by 5 1/10 sec.

He was waiting for recognition of his record of 8 min. 53 4/10 sec. made earlier this year. Rice's times beat the outdoor world record of 8 min. 56 sec. made by the Hungarian athlete, Miklos Szabo, in 1937.—Reuter.

Singles Ten Pin Championship

Men and Ladies Begin Schedules Today; Marines Enter Many Players

Judging from the record entry list for the Men's Singles Ten Pin Championship, the Marines are out to break the run of successes enjoyed by the civilians ever since kegling came into its own in this city, for out of the 58 entrants over 50 per cent. are from the Marine Corps. The opening session will be played today at the Foreign "Y" where some exceptional scores should be registered.

The holder of the championship, A. G. Huebner, is missing from the line-up leaving the final issue a toss-up between Elliott, LeClair, Pote-Hunt, Allan Kew, Gonsalves, Kohnert, Kleffel and Dolinsek with the outsiders place them well in the running with Pote-Hunt as the favourite. He appears to be the most consistent kegler this season having several high tallies to his credit. The all-high championship mark is 1,799 set by Deegan back in '37.

Among the Possibles

LeClair of the Marine Officers has sprung more than one surprise to date and is bound to be in "at the kill." Mano Gonsalves, though holder of the season's individual average, appears to have "shot his bolt" as his recent play only flashed spasmodic glimpses of his old-time brilliance. Elliott and Lurton are a couple of bowlers who will play havoc with the pins on the American Club alleys where new high marks are almost assured.

Allan Kew's eleventh-hour rally in the final of the recent Doubles Championship has placed him among the "selected," while Kohnert and Kleffel are veterans capable of maintaining their average where others fail, thus keeping them well within striking distance of the leaders waiting for the "fatal slip."

The schedule for today's first-round play-off follows:—

p.m.
2.00 Dalton, McGinley, Britton, Burt
2.25 Bourne, McMahon, Marshall, Dubbert
2.50 Tebo, Black, Camden, Clancy
3.15 Forsyth, Taylor, Turner, Follendorf
3.40 Shaull, Long, Augustyn, Millirons
4.05 Janeck, George
4.30 Neumann, Saphiere
4.55 Kwok, Pote-Hunt
5.20 Chanturai, Kleffel
5.45 Eisenhut, Brisk
6.10 Butler, Robertson, Elliott
6.35 Hilden, Kohnert, Large, Lorenzen
7.00 Gonsalves, LeClair, Uhlinger, Gallop
7.25 Swan, Novak, Mudry, Brenner
7.50 Quinn, McQuarry, McLaughton, Brown
8.15 A. C. Kew, Bennett, Roles
8.40 White, Pickup, Dolinsek
9.05 Mulliner, Lurton
9.30 Dobrenky

Ladies Championship

The Ladies' Singles Championship will be staged today at the American Club when sixteen players will play-off the first round commencing at 2.50 p.m. sharp. Here Mrs. McDonnell, champion, is expected to run up her third victory, having won the title in 1935. Despite the odds being in her favour quite a few can be counted upon to give her stern opposition and should be close on her trail at the final reckoning.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

BARON Jules Guillaume, Belgian Ambassador to China, arrived in Shanghai from Peiping on Sunday.

MR. V. F. Meisling, correspondent of the Associated Press of America, arrived in Shanghai on Sunday.

AMONG recent departures for Australia was Mrs. G. F. Dumbarton and her daughter Noreen.

THIS week, Thursday, Rotarians in Shanghai will hear about Mexico, from Senor Eduardo Espinosa, Chargé d'Affaires for Mexico in China, who is to be the speaker. The meeting is called for 12.15 p.m., at the Metropole Hotel, 1st Floor.

DR. Juan Marin, Chargé d'Affaires and Consul General of Chile, will be the speaker at the regular tiffin meeting of the Shanghai Y's Men's Club, at noon today, at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., 123 Boulevard de Montigny. Dr. Marin will speak on the country he represents.

THE March meeting of the American Association of University Women will be held on Thursday at 4 p.m., at the Mayflower Restaurant on Love Lane. A Chinese tea will be served. The programme will be "Town Hall on the Air" sponsored by Miss Bess Hille.

THE following places have been damaged in raids on Liverpool: St. George's Hall, the Adelphi Hotel, the Parish Church of Liverpool (St. Nicholas) and the Retail Fishmarket.

A HEAVY downpour on the night of March 22, brought an end to a prolonged draught in Szechuan, North Hupeh, and South Honan areas, says a Chengtu Chinese message to the "Cheng Yien Pao." A good harvest is thus expected during the next season, as it was feared that a prolonged draught might have spelt disaster to the crops, the report adds.

THE belief that we shall be able to meet again on New Year's Day in 1942, in consequence of a Chinese final victory, was expressed by General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, in an address broadcast to Shanghai Chinese over the International Broadcasting Station on Sunday night, says a Chungking message to the "Cheng Yien Pao."

WITH a view to constructing the proposed highway linking up Sikong and Tibet with India, the Chinese National Government at Chungking has sent a party of highway technical experts to make a survey of the proposed route, says a Hongkong message to the "Cheng Yien Pao." The party left Kiangting, capital of Sikong province, yesterday. The surveying is planned to be completed by the end of June this year.

MR. Yu Ya-ching, Chinese member of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and well-known local Chinese shipping magnate, arrived at Hongkong on March 21, says a belated Hongkong message to the "Cheng Yien Pao." I need not refute all the wild rumours that have been circulated in Shanghai, concerning myself, Mr. Yu declared to Chinese pressmen during an interview, adding that he would leave shortly for Burma en route to Chungking.

A FREE Italy movement was announced in Toronto, Canada, on January 12, by Anthony Spada, national secretary of the Order of Italo-Canadians, when he presented the order's second ambulance to the Canadian Red Cross. "The movement will spread to the United States, Brazil, and throughout the world, he said. We shall become one of Britain's strongest allies. He described Mussolini as "just a bad accident which happened to Italy."

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending March 22, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession was—Foreigners 9 and Chinese 196. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners nil and Chinese, tuberculosis 32; pneumonia 13; typhoid and paratyphoid fevers 12; measles 9; dysentery 6; diphtheria 4; beriberi 3 and smallpox, septicaemia one each.

GIVING the lie to Japanese reports that he would join the Nanking regime, Dr. Chang Kuo-li, a medical graduate from Japan, and son of the Minister of Communications, Mr. Chang Kai-ngau, arrived in Chungking on Sunday from Japan via Hongkong, says a Chungking message to the "Chinese American Daily News." He had been studying medicine in Japan for the past seven years, and has just completed his course. He will shortly attach himself as a surgeon to one of the hospitals for wounded soldiers in Chungking, the report reveals.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight March 22, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement was—Foreigners 18 and Chinese 1030. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis 4; cerebrospinal fever 2 and measles one. Chinese, tuberculosis 81; measles 23; typhoid fever 13; beri-beri 8; influenza 4; diphtheria 3; dysentery 3; relapsing fever 2; paratyphoid fever 2 and cerebrospinal fever, typhus fever one each.

LORD Somers, who follow the late Lord Baden-Powell as Chief Scout, seems like his late leader to have found the secret of perpetual youth. He will be 54 in March, but has the physical fitness of most men of 30. His youthful appearance is enhanced by the fact that he wears Scout uniform whenever he can. He is a former Governor of Victoria and acting Governor-General of Australia, has played cricket for Worcestershire, shared the Army rackets doubles championship, and is a past president of the M.C.C. The late Lord Baden-Powell was naturally left-handed. His mother tried to break him of the trait until her friend, Ruskin, intervened. Thereafter the boy was ambidextrous. He always wrote with his left hand, but could draw with his left hand and shade at the same time with his right. He gave up smoking, to which he was at one time addicted, because he found he could shoot better without tobacco.

Inter-American Relations

Economic, Political, Military Cooperation Between South-America and U.S.A.

Washington, Mar. 24.

AS 1940 ended, material cooperation and friendship between the United States and the other American Republics had reached the highest point yet attained in the history of Pan-American relations.

With the economy of most of the countries of the entire western hemisphere crippled by the war raging on three continents, the New World governments this year took concerted steps which they hoped would keep the conflict from their countries' shores. At the same time they sought formulas, in which United States lending and other agencies have been playing an important role, to inject a tonic into their economies.

The year's outstanding event in Pan-Americanism was the Havana conference of foreign ministers last July at which a series of pacts and agreements were signed, designed essentially to organize and bolster continental defence.

In the most important of the agreements the American nations expressed themselves as opposed to the transfer of sovereignty from one non-American country to another over territory in the western hemisphere. This agreement was palpably aimed to prevent the axis powers from obtaining a foothold in America by taking over French, Dutch or even British possessions. The pact set up machinery for the occupation of such territory by an American nation or group of nations should it become threatened.

The conference was conducted in an atmosphere of serious urgency, and the swiftness with which unanimity was reached on all the main topics of the agenda was hailed as justification of the Pan-American conference table idea.

Destroyers Deal

Shortly after the conference, the deal between the United States and Great Britain was consummated for the exchange of fifty over-age destroyers for the lease of naval and air bases at Newfoundland, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Antigua, St. Lucia, Trinidad and British Guiana.

The acquisition of the base sites was of major importance in continental defence and especially for defence of the Panama Canal. Shortly after the deal was made, the state department announced that other American republics may use the bases.

Negotiations for continental defence bases between the United States and Latin American governments appeared to have struck a snag late this year when the Uruguayan senate voiced its disapproval, but the Chamber of Deputies supported the government, and President Alfredo Baldomir announced that his administration was proceeding with plans for defence cooperation.

In December, at an important conference between the foreign ministers of Uruguay and Argentina, groundwork was laid for defence cooperation, specifically between the two countries and on a hemispheric scale in general.

Government leaders of such countries as Ecuador, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic said they were fully disposed to extend essential facilities to the Unites States for continental defence, and it was believed that an arrangement for defence cooperation between Mexico and the United States may soon be reached.

Many Latin American governments took cognizance of fifth column activities during the year. A sensational Nazi-inspired plot was uncovered in Uruguay, culminating in a legislative investigation, and the Argentina authorities still were conducting a minute administrative and judicial probe of alleged Nazi activities in Misiones territory.

Expulsion of Nazis

Mexico and Brazil ordered the expulsion of certain Nazi consular or diplomatic officials for propaganda activity, and the Cuban Senate asked the government to establish and enforce regulations against totalitarian propagandists. Columbia also was enforcing laws and regulations against fifth columnists, both of Fascist and Communist origin.

With the German-controlled Sedta airline of Colombia already dissolved, the signing of a contract between Ecuador and the Pan-American Grace Airways deprived the German-controlled Sedta Airline of its virtual monopoly of the Ecuadorian Airways.

Almost all Latin American countries were suffering commercially industrially and financially from the war. Last summer the United States Congress increased the capital of the export-import bank of Washington by $500,000,000 to assist Latin America.

A loan of $50,000,000 from the United States treasury stabilization fund and a credit of $60,000,000 by the export-import Bank, both for Argentina, were announced in December. They were expected to ease the immediate strain on Argentina's economy, and one of the earlier results was a partial lifting of dollar exchange restrictions so as to permit imports from the United States which were almost choked off for a time due to Argentina's unfavourable trade balance with this country.

The export-import bank advanced $20,000,000 to Brazil to establish a steel industry, and credits and loans were made available to various other Latin American countries for public works, industry, railway equipment, exchange stabilization etc.

Largely due to United States cooperation, the coffee producing countries of America formed a coffee cartel, and each was granted what was regarded as an equitable share of a quota for exportation of coffee to the United States. The quota arrangement was expected to save the coffee industry, faced with disaster through loss of most of its European markets.

Greater Markets

Many Latin American officials expressed preference for greater markets in the United States for their products rather than for loans and credits, and studies were initiated during the year to obtain expansion of these markets.

Negotiations for purchases of large quantities of Bolivian tin ore, to be smelted in the United States, were begun, and a deal was under way in December for United States purchases of huge stocks, of Chilean nitrates and Chilean and Peruvian copper.

South American countries, following the initiative of Brazil and Argentina, in signing a reciprocal trade pact, sought to intensify commerce among themselves by reducing tariff barriers and other trade restrictions.

Many countries were making defence preparations. The Argentine Congress was considering a rearmament bill of $100,000,000; Uruguay was preparing a rearmament programme; Brazil held its largest peacetime manoeuvres; Chile increased its army conscripts, and United States Army Navy and Air force missions were sent to several important countries.

Chiefs of staff and other high military officers of the Latin American countries visited the United States as guests of the Army last autumn, and toured army posts, air fields, training centres and arms plants.

One of the outstanding Latin American political events was the change of administrations in Mexico. General Manuel Avila Camacho, elected to succeed president Lazaro Cardenas, was inaugurated December 1. Earlier fears of a revolution by disgruntled followers of General Juan Andreu Almazan, the defeated candidate, were dissipated, and the United States Government took advantage of the Avila Camacho inauguration to perform a diplomatic stroke by sending the Vice President-elect, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, to Mexico City as Special Ambassador for the ceremonies.

Conservative Trend

Gen. Avila Camacho's early activities included establishment of land reforms with a decidedly conservative trend, and hope was held, here that existing differences between Mexico and the United States, such as that arising over petroleum expropriations, might soon be satisfactorily solved.

In Argentina a serious government crisis over a land deal scandal threatened, but it was ably averted by sweeping cabinet changes, and the ailing President, Dr. Roberto M. Ortiz, who continually was absent from office on leave, was prevailed upon not to resign.

In Chile, rightist's opposition to Communism was intensified, and the Socialist party even took up the gage against the Communist party in an unsuccessful effort to secure the party's expulsion from the government-supporting popular front.

President Jose Felix Estigarribia, Paraguayan hero of the Chaco war, was killed in an air crash, and his successor, General Higinio Morinigo, took successive steps that brought dictatorship to Paraguay.

The southeastern border territory dispute between Ecuador and Peru continued, with repeated complaints from Ecuadorian unofficial circles of alleged Peruvian troop advances into Ecuadorian-claimed territory.

Dr. Arnulfo Arias was inaugurated President of Panama, and soon after he assumed the presidency he suspended certain constitutional provisions thus enabling him to hold a plebiscite for constitutional reforms he favoured. He "assumed the representation of the State" for his purposes.

Cuba was given a new constitution establishing comprehensive social reforms and instituting a semi-parliamentary form of government, with a prime minister. Col. Fulgencio Batista, for seven years the "strong man" of Cuba, was elected president, and he doffed his uniform as Chief of the Army to direct the country's affairs in more orthodox fashion from the presidential palace.—United Press.

Peru Stirred by Nazi Conference

Santiago de Chile, Mar. 24.

The clandestine conference here of the German Ambassadors to Argentine, Chile and Peru, which took place last Friday, has deeply disturbed public opinion in Peru, according to a Lima despatch, which quotes a press demand that the Peruvian Government should "investigate what plot was hatched at Santiago."

Only the German Ambassador to Argentine informed the Chilean Foreign Office of his intention to visit the country on a pleasure trip. The other two envoys arrived incognito, and their presence was not known to the Chilean authorities until the day of the meeting.—Reuter.

Rough Riding—Modern Style

A picture taken during exercises by a famous infantry regiment which has been turned into a highly mobile force, with motor-cycles armed with Bren guns. They are ready to deal with any invader of the British Isles, and are supported by a whole army of heavier units which can deal with anything the Nazis may think they can land.

British Tactics Analyzed

Methods in Abyssinia Different from Those Employed by Italians

Vichy, Mar. 23.

Commenting on the capture by British troops of Neghelli, a town South-East of Addis Ababa, military observers here point out that the tactics engaged in by the British forces in their attempt to capture the capital of Abyssinia are quite different from those used by Marshal Pietro Badoglio's troops tax years ago during the Italian-Abyssinian war.

The Italian plan was a most simple one: it consisted of two direct attacks, one from the North and the other from the East. The column which came from the North was the first to reach its objective, forming a junction with the column from the East in the capital itself.

This Italian plan was possible owing to Italy's mastery of Eritrea and Italian Somaliland.

On the other hand, the British troops, who had been forced to give up British Somaliland to the Italians, could attack Addis Ababa only from Kenya, to the South, and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, from the West.

The first phase of the British campaign consisted in forcing the Italians to give up the very bases from which they had marched on their conquest of Ethiopia six years ago.

This first phase succeeded only partially, for the column which left the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and then successively captured Gondhar, Danguika and Burye, was stopped at Keren, where the Italians are putting up a stiff resistance. This has so far prevented the British from occupying the whole of Eritrea.

With the advance into Eritrea held up, the most important British attack is the one directed against Debra-Markos, North-West of Addis Ababa, the British troops engaged in the operations in that sector are the nearest to the capital.

As for the attack against Italian Somaliland, it was completely successful and not difficult, the only resistance the Italians did put up being before the capture of the capital, Mogadishu. Following the capture of Mogadishu, the British forces advanced along the coast and then turned into the interior. They have now gone beyond Jijiga, a town East of Harrar.

The operations in this sector now consist of liaison operations between the columns advancing from Italian Somaliland and the British troops who were landed at Berbera, in British Somaliland. This column marched southward and has now crossed the frontier between British Somaliland and Ethiopia.

It is clear that the objective of these troops is the Jibuti-Addis Ababa railway the capture of which would completely isolate Addis Ababa.

Already threatened from the East and North-West, Addis Ababa is now also menaced from the South, following the capture of Neghelli by British troops.

These troops advanced from Kisimaya along the Dawa valley, successively capturing Lugh, in Italian Somaliland and Dolo, on the Abyssinian border. The next objective of these forces is Allata, South of Addis Ababa. Advancing on this same town is a British column which started off from Lake Rudolf, in Kenya, and which has already come into contact with the defending Italian forces.—Havas Telemondial.

Britain Has Respite Over Sunday

One Plane Shot Down Near East Coast

London, Mar. 24.

Britain had a respite from German air raiders Sunday after the terrific blitzes on Plymouth Thursday and Friday.

An Air Ministry communique said the only activity yesterday over Britain was a raider which dropped some bombs near the east coast but did little damage. Anti-aircraft fire shot down the plane, the communique said.

No R.A.F. activity was reported on the continent, apparently because of weather conditions.—United Press.

Spain Ability to Stay Neutral Emphasized

Country Must Be Armed And Watchful

Madrid, Mar. 24.

Spain's ability to retain a neutral position in the present war was given special emphasis in the first official Spanish reference to foreign policy since the passing of the American Lend and Lease Bill yesterday.

The Under-Secretary of the Press and Propaganda Ministry, Senor Antonio Tovar, who accompanied the Foreign Secretary, Dr. Serrano Suner, to Germany and Italy recently said: "The most serious risks are inherent in our geographical position. We cannot live unarmed or unwatchful."

Senor Tovar added that Spain today wanted to emerge from centuries of retirement. Hitler's present actions recalled those of Napoleon, but whereas Napoleon was a scourge for Spain, he declared, Hitler was a scourge for those who had reduced Spain to a third-class power—France and England.—Reuter.

Ireland's Fate Linked To Britain's

Irish-American Senator Issues Warning

Boston, Mar. 24.

"If England falls there will be no freedom for the people of England nor for the people of Ireland," declared Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat, in a speech here at a charitable Irish society.

"It will be necessary for the people of America," he added, "to assume for ten generations the burden of armament, so that the Dictators shall not be permitted to strike down liberties and institutions which Irishmen everywhere revere."—Reuter.

The Food Situation In France

U.S. Papers Praise French Ambassador; Africa's Part

Washington, Mar. 23.

Although the American press today voiced different opinions regarding the forthcoming departure of two French vessels laden with foodstuffs for unoccupied France, all the papers were unanimous in their praise of M. Henry Haye, the French Ambassador to the United States.

"This is an important diplomatic success for M. Haye, who for the past two months has been making every effort to obtain the dispatch of food supplies to France, particularly wheat," the "Washington Times-Herald" stated.—Havas Telemondial

North African Food

London, Mar. 24.

A statement that both occupied and unoccupied France are to be supplied with fruit, vegetables and mutton from North Africa in increasing amounts is credited to M. Roch, director of Vichy's Ministry of Supply, in an interview quoted by the official German news agency.

To facilitate distribution, said M. Roch, the destination of the foo would be determined before it left Algiers. One third of supplies would go to Paris, and the remainder to the rest of France.

The arrangement, he added, was the result of recent talks between Vichy and the governments of Algeria, Morocco and Tunis.—Reuter.

Urge for More Production

Clermont-Ferrand, Mar. 23.

An appeal to French farmers to increase their agricultural production as much as possible in order to allow France to have sufficient food next winter was made today by M. Jean Achard, Secretary of State for Supplies, speaking at a meeting of the milk cooperative in the Puy de Dome area.

The essential problem today, he added, was to equally distribute food to the rich and the poor, and he requested the farmers to abide by the ration rules so that no one could be favoured more than others.

M. Achard explained how the Government was trying not only to have farm work justly remunerated, but also to organize definitively French agricultural production.

After stressing the role cooperatives would play in the future, the speaker outlined the difficulties which France would have to overcome during the next few months and urged his listeners to produce as much food as they could.—Havas Telemondial.

Diplomatic Activity In France

Petain Holds Dinner For U.S. Ambassador

Vichy, Mar. 23.

Admiral William Leahy, United States Ambassador to France, was the chief guest of honour at a "hush-hush" diplomatic dinner Saturday night given by Marshal Philippe Petain.

Other's among the twenty guests included Admiral Francois Darlan, Vice-Premier, Navy and Foreign Minister and Monsignor Valerio Valer. Papal Nuncio and dean of the diplomatic corps.

Great efforts were made to keep the dinner secret and censors did not permit news of it to be cabled until midnight, although the American Embassy previously had announced Admiral Leahy's dinner engagement. No reason was given for the exceptional secrecy.—United Press.

De Brinon Returns to Paris

Vichy, Mar. 23.

Count Fernand de Brinon, the French Government's special envoy to occupied France, left Vichy early this afternoon to return to Paris.

Count de Brinon, who has been conferring here with French Government officials, lunched with Marshal Philippe Petain, the Chief of State, before his departure.

Admiral Esteva Leaves for Tunis

Admiral Jean Esteva, the French Resident-General in Tunisia, left Vichy for Tunis this morning by plane.

Before leaving, Admiral Esteva expressed satisfaction at the talks he had held here with Marshal Philippe Petain, the Chief of State, and with other members of the French Government.—Havas Telemondial.

Four U.S. Destroyers Damaged in Pacific

Collision Off Hawaii, No Injuries, Damage Slight

Washington, Mar. 24.

The Navy Department yesterday announced that four destroyers were damaged in the Pacific when they collided during night manoeuvres off Pearl Harbor.

The vessels involved were the Almyn, Farragut, Somers and Warrington. There were no injuries to crew members reported and damage to the destroyers was only minor, it was said.—United Press.

U.S. Accumulating Food for Britain

Co-operate with London Department Created to On Supply Problem

Washington, Mar. 24.

The Government quietly is accumulating large supplies of foodstuffs for shipment to Britain, reliably sources here said yesterday.

A special Department of Agriculture committee has been established to co-operate with the British Government. The committee expects to obtain authority to spend US$500,000,000.

Concurrently, it was understood that President Roosevelt is planning to create a federal food administration.

Among the first purchases for Britain will be 12,000,000 pounds of lard, packed in 60 pound tins. The nation's lard reserves are currently the highest on record, being 317,500,000 pounds, up 61,000,000 pounds as compared to a year ago and 161,500,000 pounds above average. Large surpluses of vegetable oils also are available, it was said.

The Government was reported to be not fully informed as to British food needs but it was understood that they include dried and condensed milk, cheese, butter, eggs, pork dried fruits, meat and fats. More information is expected when the British food mission arrives. The mission now is said to be en route to the United States.—United Press.

Trans-Sahara Railway Will Cross Desert

Link Between Niger and Mediterranean

Vichy, Mar. 23.

Yet another step in the victory of modern progress over Nature's obstacles will be taken in the near future when the once mighty expanse of the Sahara Desert, which has claimed the lives of innumberable travellers, will be overcome once and for all by means of a new railway, the Trans-Sahara railway, which will link North Africa with the hinterlands of Central Africa, still practically cut off from the rest of the world.

With the Colonial Secretary, Rear-Admiral Rene Platon and the Communications Secretary, M. Jean Berthelot, both leaving for North Africa shortly to study the tracing of the new line's itinerary, work will be started immediately.

Following the decision of the French Government to proceed with the construction of the railway, the Oran Trans-Sahara Committee, which has been urging the building of the railway for the past 18 years, has sent a telegram of appreciation to Marshal Philippe Petain, the French Chief of State.

Two Branch Lines

The new railway will start from Bouarfa, will cross Colomb-Bechar, and then head south until it reaches Tassit, deep in Central Africa. From there two branch lines will be built. They will both follow the course of the Niger River, but one will go South-West to Segou, a town already linked to Dakar by a railway, and the other South Eastward will end at Niamey on the upper reaches of the river. Later on, the two branch lines will be linked to the French West Africa railway.

The tracks will cross a smooth region, necessitating a minimum of bridges and other engineering work. Heavy trains will be able to speed on it, carrying freight at rates comparable with those demanded by shipping concerns.

In the near future, the railway will carry several hundreds of thousands of tons of merchandise at competitive prices.

The cost of the railway is estimated at some Frs. 5,000,000,000.

Thus, France's African possessions will no longer be separated from each other by this vast desert, 1,500 miles long.

Although there are already an air and automobile service across the desert, the cost of operation was too high to warrant a freight traffic.

The new railway will carry the produce of the Niger Delta towards the Mediterranean basin.

The construction of the trans-Sahara railway is the first step towards the building of the international trans-African railway, which may be considered once the Sahara has been crossed by a railway which will become an important link between Europe and the African continent.—Havas Telemondial.

No Change in French Utility Co. Strike

Employees Refuse to Work Unless Colleague is Freed

The strike at the Compagnie Francaise de Tramways et d'Eclairage Electriques de Shanghai continued yesterday, marking the sixth day of the dispute. It was learned, however, that the strikers had been prepared to resume work at all plants pending further negotiations with the management.

According to reports emanating from circles close to the striking employees, the latter were ready to start work yesterday morning, but changed their plans when they learned that workers, detained by the French Police for intimidating others, had not been released. Questioned about this, an official of the French Police stated that only one intimidator was being held by the police.

Chinese papers reported yesterday that the strikers had held a meeting at Nantao on Friday and that it had been decided to submit three demands to the management. One was in connection with increase of pay. The second demanded reinstatement of dismissed employees, while the third was for the release of a worker, who had been arrested.

Despite constant denials by the management that negotiations had been opened, Chinese sources stated yesterday that they had been proceeding since the evening of March 21.

Local labour fronts were being threatened with another strike as it was learned that chauffeurs of four household removing companies had asked for increasee in pay and better treatment. A reply to these demands is expected this morning.

Chinese press yesterday featured another labour riot. It was reported that about 100 strikers of the Yi Sung Weaving and Dyeing Factory at 380/1 Route Conty entered the premises on Saturday and smashed the machinery. Twelve rioters were arrested by the French Police, it was reported. Questioned about this, however, an official of the French Police denied that a riot had occurred.

Five-years-old Child Kidnapped by Gang

Another Attempt Fails When Victim Resists

Kidnappers were again busy in the Settlement yesterday when a gang abducted a five-year-old boy from 12 Yu Ya Ching Road at 8.40 a.m., this being followed with an attempt to kidnap Mr. Peu Shui-chia, manager of the Su Shih Flour Mill from outside 122 North Chekiang Road at 9.45 a.m. When their attempt failed, the gangsters shot their victim in the thigh and disappeared.

The first crime occurred when five men, speaking Shanghai dialect and possessing three pistols, entered room 18 at 12 Yu Ya Ching Road and told the occupants, six in number, that they were from a "certain" organization, sent to search the premises.

In the course of their search, the miscreants stole $2,500 in cash and valuables, these being three old pins and a bank passbook for $2,000.

When the robbers left the place, it was discovered that they had taken the child with them. Neither the name of the child or that of his parents could be learned yesterday, but the detectives, investigating the case, revealed that he was a junk master, sailing between Shanghai and Soochow.

Victim Wounded in Thigh

The second case, reported to the West Hongkew station, occurred at 9.45 a.m. when two men, one of them armed with a mauser, held up Mr. Pei just as he was alighting at 122 North Chekiang Road from his car. When the would-be victim resisted, the armed man fired a shot wounding him in the thigh.

The criminals then disappeared, while the wounded man was taken to the Lester Chinese Hospital, where his condition was not said to be very serious.

Yu Flight Causes Consternation

Gen. Wu Te-chen Attempts To Restore Confidence in Local Circles

While informed Chinese circles in Shanghai are pessimistic about the outcome of present political developments in the city following the recent unheralded departure from the city of Mr. Yu Ya-ching, General Wu Te-chen, former Mayor of Greater Shanghai, struck an optimistic tone on Sunday night at Chungking, declaring that he firmly believed that he would be able to celebrate the New Year of 1942 in Shanghai together with his Shanghai friends and relatives. He was loudly applauded, following his broadcast speech made at a dinner party held in his honour by his former colleagues in Shanghai now staying in Chungking.

According to a special telegram from the war-time capital published by the "Cheng Yien Pao," General Wu, now Minister of Overseas Affairs, specially made the speech for the consumption of the populace in Shanghai. He praised the populace here for the difficulties they have undergone in view of the changed situation, asserting that the Government would maintain the position of Shanghai as a foundation for national reconstruction and victory. He urged the Shanghai populace to keep up the unconquerable spirit, to fight for the victory and to turn a deaf ear to "poisoned propaganda."

Former Councillor Speaks

Mr. Eugene Y. P. Kiang, former member of the Shanghai Municipal Council, son-in-law of Mr. Yu Ya-ching, who left Shanghai many months ago following the announcement of Nanking's blacklist in which his name was mentioned also made an encouraging speech at the meeting. He praised the Shanghai populace for the courage displayed during the national crisis. He said that China had only one enemy, while all others were China's friends. He knew the difficulties faced by the Chinese in Shanghai and said that although some judges had been forced to change their loyalty, judges in the Settlement still carried on. He strongly urged British and American friends here to do whatever they can to look after the welfare of the Chinese.

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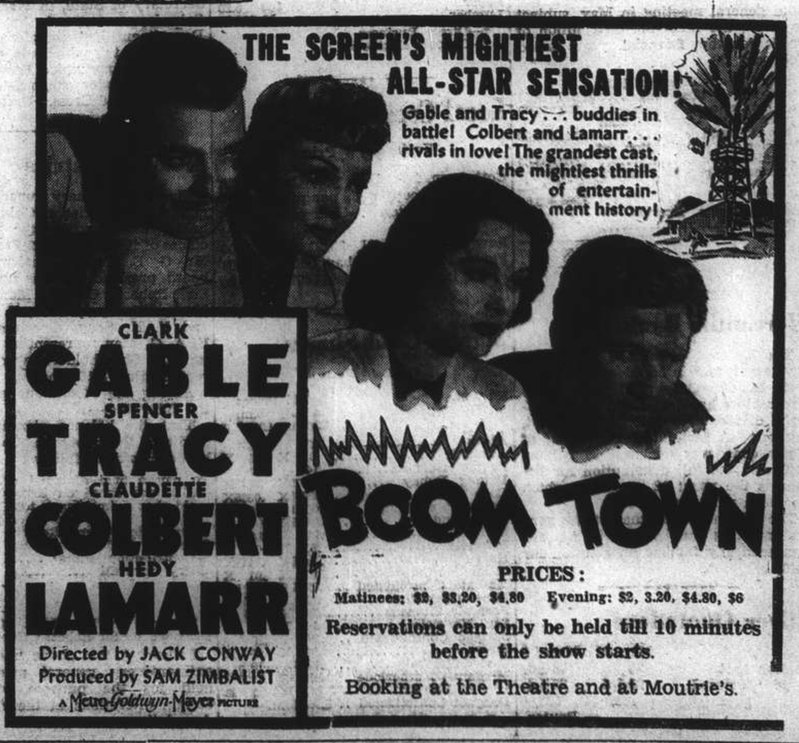
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1941

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 1/16d.	$ 74.56
U.S. $100 @ 5 1/16	$1,904.70
Yen	23 1/4 $100
Guilders	99 1/4 100
Rupees	17 1/8 100
Pesos	10 1/2 100
Hongkong	$21 1/8 100
Closing	3 1/16 5 1/16

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 1/16d.	$ 73.14
U.S. $100 @ 5/8	$1,880.00
London—demand, $1=	3 1/16d.
4 months' sight credits	3 1/16d.
4 months' sight docts	3 3/16d.
6 months' sight credits	3 3/16d.
6 months' sight docts	3 1/16d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S. 85 3/8
4 months' sight credits	U.S. 85 1/8
4 months' sight docts	U.S. 85 7/16

Closing unchanged.

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

£1=U.S. $4.03 1/2 U.S. $1=£0.48d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ..... 3 1/16d. U.S. $5.1 3/16
Hongkong/London 1/3

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

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U.S.$ Selling .. @ 5 3/4 .. H.K.$100
Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 186 1/2 per H.K.$100

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL RATES FOR DUTY PAYMENTS

Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing $2.794
CRB$ or 1.89
Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar $5.281

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 3 1/2	Lowest 3 1/8
U.S. $	5 1/16	5 1/4

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING	BUYING
Cash		Mar./Apr.
£ T.T.	3 1/16	3 1/16
U.S.$ T.T.	5 1/8	5 1/16
Rs. T.T.	17 3/4	18 1/8

BAR SILVER

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Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	63.03	—
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T.T. $/£ CROSS RATE CASH QUOTATIONS

New York closing rate for Mar. 22 4.03 1/2
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.91 3/4
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.02 1/2

The local market opened with sellers at 3 1/4d. sterling and 5 1/16 U.S.$. Throughout the day sellers were reluctant and by mid-morning quotations had declined to 3 1/16d. sterling and 5 1/16 U.S.$. Later the market rallied to 3 1/16d. sterling and 5 1/4 U.S.$. Political activity brought about renewed nervousness during the afternoon, and at the close the market was uncertain at:—

3 1/16 sterling 5 1/16 U.S.$ Cash/Mar.
3 1/16 " 5 1/16 " Apr.

New York Weekly Market Report

By courtesy of S. E. Levy & Co.

While the public is not in the market, its absence does not negative the favourable technical signs of the post five weeks.

The listing of British blocks of 142,000 shares of Anaconda Copper and other large holdings were liquidated during last week: "Trader" says that the final completion of forced English selling will represent a landmark in wartime history.

The underwriting by powerful New York banking interests of purchases of American Viscose plants reflects confidence.

Apparently Washington has no early intention of syphening off all capital and savings into direct financing of the defence programme.

It is estimated that British aid and defence contracts will require a sixty per cent. increase in industrial activity.

What frightens Wall Street, besides the enigma of the rapidity of transition to War economy and taxes and uncertainty in Congress, is new not so much what is the trend of the War but whether America can remain out of it.

Until this defeatism is dissipated, apprehension over wartime socialism will prevail in mind since the famous stabin-the back speech.

So long as the market holds its own, the message is of ultimate confidence in the outcome for equities.

Lumber Co. Dividend

At a meeting of the board of directors of the China Import and Export Lumber Co., Ltd., held yesterday, it was decided to recommend to the shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting in May, subject to audit, the following distribution of profit for the financial year ended February 28.

To pay a dividend of $8.50 per share, absorbing	$1,506,719.50
Pay bonus to staff	135,750.00
Transfer to foreign staff benefit fund	142,000.00
Transfer to equalization of dividend a/c	500,000.00
Transfer to general reserve	1,000,000.00
	3,284,469.50
and to carry forward to new a/c	884,400.03
	C.N.C.$4,168,869.53

Mercantile Bank

The Mercantile Bank of India Ltd., have received telegraphic advice from their London Office that their board of directors has declared a second interim dividend for 1940 of 6 per cent. less tax. A first interim dividend of 6 per cent. was declared in August 1940, and the full distribution for the year is the usual 12 per cent. which has been paid since 1932.

The telegram adds that at the general meeting the board will not recommend any further distribution for 1940.

Silver Quotations

	Mar. 21	Mar. 24
London spot	23 1/16d.	23 1/16d.
" forward	23 1/16d.	23 1/16d.
" gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market was firm at the opening yesterday, but thereafter most issues registered decreases, though in no case were they large. Wheelocks opened at $104 and at the close in the afternoon were $102; Dockyards opened at $30 and closed at $28 3/4; Ewo Mills opened at $45 3/4 and closed at $45. Lumber, after having been done at $53/52 1/2 in the morning, advanced in the afternoon to close at $56.

In a day of moderate activity, the rubber section was neglected, prices easing in sympathy with the easiness in the industrial section.

Official Averages

High	Low		Today's Average	Change
503.56	105.33	General	297.83	+3.79
485.40	95.55	Rubbers	300.57	+3.06

Total 394,690 shares, 350 bonds.

Morning Session

Yangtsze Finance					4000	17.80	
	2500	*17.80	500	*17.70	3000	17.60	
	6500	17.70	500	17.90	2000	17.50	
S'hai Loan			500	21.25	6500	21.00	
	500	*20.75	500	20.75	4500	20.50	
	1000	*20.50					
I. I. Trust			1500	29.25	9500	26.00	
	500	*26.00	2500	*25.75	2500	25.75	
S'hai Securities			4000	5.85	9500	5.90	
	500	*5.90	5000	*5.85	1000	*5.80	
S'hai Land			5000	12.20	500	*12.20	
Dockyards			1500	30.00	2400	*29.75	
	400	29.75	800	*29.50	7800	29.50	
	700	29.25	300	*29.25	1000	29.75	
	500	*29.50	2200	29.50	2400	29.25	
	200	*29.25	4100	29.00	100	*29.00	
Ewo Brewery			3000	7.85	1000	*7.65	
	500	7.90	1500	7.95	2500	7.90	
	2500	7.85					
Wheelock (X.D.)			1300	104.00	100	*104.00	
	300	*104.50	400	104.50	100	104.00	
	1700	103.50	600	*103.50	2100	103.00	
	300	*103.00	2000	103.50	1200	*103.50	
	1700	*104.00	2500	104.00	400	*103.00	
	1500	103.00	2400	102.50	700	*102.50	
Ewo Mills (Ord)			2300	45.75	3600	45.50	
	1300	45.25	1100	*45.25	1200	45.00	
	500	*45.00	100	45.50	4000	45.25	
	300	*45.25	6400	45.50	1800	*45.50	
	100	*45.75	300	*45.00	2000	45.00	
	1500	44.75	600	*44.75	300	45.00	
Textile			1500	7.90	1500	7.85	
S'hai Cotton					100	200.00	
Worsted					1500	5.85	
Tram (Bearer)	£1				100	43.50	
C. G. Omnibus			300	17.30	100	17.20	
Telephone			100	35.25	100	34.75	
Paper			2500	5.25	500	*5.25	
	3000	5.20	1000	5.15	2500	*5.15	
	1000	*5.20					
Lumber			200	*53.00	1500	53.50	
	1200	52.50	2200	53.00	200	*52.50	
Metal (X.D.)			6800	27.25	1600	27.50	
	200	*27.25	500	*27.50	200	27.75	
	200	28.00	300	*28.00	200	*28.25	
	500	28.50	800	*28.50	1000	28.75	
	100	*28.75	4300	28.50	1700	*28.50	
	700	*28.25	3300	28.25	3800	28.00	
	500	27.75	100	*27.75	200	*28.00	
Kaiping					200	46.00	
Exploration			17000	29.50	4550	29.75	
	4500	*30.00	1000	*29.75	3000	29.25	
	500	*29.25	1500	*29.50	500	*29.75	
	2500	29.75	3000	*29.50	4000	29.50	
	500	*29.25	2500	29.25	2000	29.00	
	2000	*28.75	2000	28.75	500	29.00	
Power (Pref)					30	130.25	
Anglo Dutch			100	21.00	100	20.75	
	600	20.50	300	*20.75	800	20.50	
Anglo Java			400	42.00	300	*42.25	
	3600	42.00	1900	41.75	100	*42.00	
	200	*41.75					
Alma					300	52.00	
Langkat			1200	28.75	100	29.00	
	300	*28.75	1600	28.50	100	*28.50	
	900	28.25					
Padang					1000	2.80	
Semambu			3000	1.44	2000	1.40	
Kelantan					2000	0.85	
Tanah Merah					1000	3.12 1/2	
Ziangbe			1600	25.25	200	*25.25	
	100	25.00	1000	24.75			
Power 5 1/2% Debs.					25000	*88.75	
	5000	89.00					

ODD LOTS

Power (Pref)		2	130.00
Kota		78	*4.90
S'hai Loan	100 21.25	400	20.75
Langkat		50	28.25
Worsted		65	5.60
Exploration	350 29.00	350	29.00
S'hai Land		250	12.30
Wheelock		65	*103.50

Afternoon Session

Yangtsze Finance					2000	17.50	
	1000	17.40	500	*17.50			
S'hai Loan			5500	20.50	500	20.75	
I. I. Trust			1000	*26.00	1000	*25.75	
	3500	25.75					
S'hai Securities			1000	5.85	500	*5.80	
	1500	5.80					
S'hai Land			1500	12.20	500	*12.10	
	500	12.20					
Dockyards			1000	29.25	400	*29.00	
	1500	29.00	1100	*29.75	2200	29.75	
	200	29.50	200	29.00	500	29.75	
Ewo Brewery					1500	7.80	
Wheelock X.D.			500	*102.50	1000	*103.00	
	3000	102.50	1300	102.00	600	*102.00	
Ewo Mills (Ord)			1700	*45.00	500	45.25	
	1400	45.00	1000	*44.75	4000	44.75	
	1000	45.00	200	*45.00			
Worsted					500	5.60	
Tram (Bearer)	£1				200	43.50	
C. G. Omnibus			100	*17.30	300	17.20	
Telephone					100	35.00	
S'hai Gas				X.D.	100	15.40	
Paper			2500	5.15	1000	5.10	
	500	*5.10	1000	5.15	500	*5.15	
	1000	5.10					
Lumber			1300	53.00	2100	53.50	
	3000	*53.50	900	54.00	100	*54.00	
	1800	55.00	1700	54.50	200	*55.00	
	100	*54.50	1300	55.00	900	55.50	
	1800	56.00	600	*56.00			
Metal X.D.			2500	28.25	300	*28.25	
	1000	*28.50	2600	28.00	300	*28.00	
	300	*28.25					
Exploration			2000	*29.00	2500	29.00	
	2000	29.25	500	29.25	1000	*29.75	
	15500	29.75	1500	*29.00	7000	29.00	
Anglo Dutch			100	20.25	700	20.50	
Anglo Java			400	42.00	600	41.75	
Langkat			1100	28.25	400	28.00	
	200	*28.25	200	28.00	1300	28.25	
	200	*28.50					
Kelantan					2000	0.86	
Sungei Duri					100	53.00	
Tebong					2000	1.46	
Ziangbe					800	25.00	
Power 5 1/2% Debs.					2000	89.00	
Telephone 6% Debs.					3000	*96.50	

ODD LOTS

Exploration	100	29.25
Ewo Brewery	50	7.75
Paper	250	5.20
Lumber	50	*53.50

*—Direct Business.
†—Outport Business.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yn. 20's, D.H. p.b. Cash		$1,420
Tungchow cotton ..	per picul	226
Shanghai cotton ..	per picul	211
Raw silk, Steamfil, 20/22 78%	picul	$5,500
Flour, local ..	per bag (49lb.)	$25.00
Flour, imported	per bag (49lb.)	30.80

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Mar. 24.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.23	.225
Antamok	.05 X	.05 X
Bagiuo Gold	.14	.14
Batong Buhay	.0075X	.0075X
Coco Grove	.0625X	.0625X
Consolidated Mines	.0019	.0019 S
East Mindanao	.0675 S	.071 S
I. X. L.	.24	.245
Ipo Gold	.09 X	.05 X
Itogen	.1475X	.1475X
Mambulao Consolidated	.01 X	.01 X
Masbate Consolidated	.0925 S	.0925 S
Mine Operations	.055 X	.056 X
Paracale Gumaus	.26 X	.255
San Mauricio	.30 X	.30 X
Surigao Consolidated	.19	.19
Suyoc	.09 X	.09 X
United Paracale	.1375	.1375
Mindanao Motherlode	.125 S	.1275 S
Manila Hal-Alai	7.50 B	7.50 B
Benguet Consolidated	3.35 Nom.	—

S—Sales. X—Sellers. B—Bid.—Reuter.

Repossession Case Adjourned

Defendant Declares Room Rented By Her Brother; Lawyer Testifies

Mrs. A. J. Gegia, boarding house keeper of 344 Route Bourgeat, figured as plaintiff before Judge P. Grant Jones in H. M. Supreme Court yesterday in two similar actions for repossession of rooms alleged to be occupied at the address by Mrs. C. B. Connell and Mrs. V. Woollam. The actions were adjourned for a week after some evidence was taken.

Plaintiff told the court that she took over the house on January 3, and gave each of the defendants a month's notice to vacate. Mrs. Connell, she said, had offered to pay the rent, but she had refused to accept it as she wanted the room back for her own occupation.

Mrs. Connell pleaded that the room was rented by her brother, an emigrant, and explained that she was living at the same place, as he was supporting her. Mr. N. A. Ivanow, Russian lawyer, was called by plaintiff as a witness and stated that Mrs. Connell and not her brother was registered with the French Police as the occupant of the room.

Mrs. Woollam told the court that the French Police had told her that she could stay in the room and declared that plaintiff had given her notice to quit because she wanted higher rent. She declared that she had nowhere to move to, as she could not afford to pay $300 or $400 for a room like some other people.

Defendant went on to say that she had paid her rent for February through the post. Plaintiff denied receiving the money and said she had received a postal order for payment of January rent from the defendant.

Anniversary Celebrated In Italy

Mass Meetings, Perades; "We Will Win"

Rome, Mar. 24.

With war-time solemnity Italy yesterday celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the foundation of the Fascist Party.

All cities and towns and even the smallest hamlets were bedecked with flags and mass meetings were held throughout the peninsula.

Fascist university students formed battalions of those who had just volunteered for action on the various Italian fronts and led the demonstrations. They paraded in the streets carrying banners to the Venice square where thousands of persons marched past the monument to the Italian Unknown Soldier.

The Venice square meeting was attended by members of the directorate of the Fascist Party. Thousands of boys and girls belonging to Fascist youth organizations paraded along the Imperial Highway and were cheered by crowds which packed the surrounding parks.

Similar parades, speeches and demonstrations were held throughout Italy all day and continued until 6 p.m. The radio throughout the day broadcast latest war news, coupled with speeches concerning Fascist achievements during the past year.

Order of the Day

The Fascist Party voted an order of the day expressing confidence in Premier Benito Mussolini and faith in the certainty of final victory. The order read:

"Duce: The 22nd anniversary of the Fascist foundation finds the Italian people in arms and forging new history.

"The daring of Fascist Italy, thrown against the most powerful Empire in the world, consecrates the heroic spirit of the revolution and the warlike temper of the new generation of the Lictorate.

"The Fascist Party, created by you for struggle and animated by the highest ideals of life, unfurls its banners in the Spring sun, proud of its contribution of blood and valour to this revolutionary war.

"Duce: the Blackshirts will is undefeatable—win!

"As ever at your orders we will win!"—United Press.

British Blockade Not To be Relaxed

Flour Shipments to France Still Being Discussed

London, Mar. 24.

Authoritative sources here yesterday said that reports from Washington that the United States would send two shiploads of flour to unoccupied France did not indicate Britain was relaxing her blockade.

Discussions on the shipments presumably are still going on, the comments indicated.

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, in Washington on Saturday announced that the State Department had completed arrangements for two shiploads of flour to be sent to unoccupied France for distribution under supervision of the American Red Cross.—United Press.

Metal Industries

The fifth ordinary general meeting of Metal Industries of China Ltd. was held yesterday at the registered offices of the company, 2 French Bund. Mr. G. E. Marden, chairman of the board, presided and was supported by Sir Robert Calder Marshall and Messrs. H. E. Arnhold, F. R. Davey and V. K. Song, directors and Mr. E. A. G. May representing the secretaries. Shareholders were present representing 76160 shares.

Among the resolutions passed was the following:—

That the balance standing to the credit of the profit and loss account be dealt with as follows:

To pay a final dividend of $5.00 per share on 250,000 old shares (making a total of $7.00 for the year)	$1,250,000.00
Transfer to General Reserve	1,000,000.00
Subscribe to Voluntary War Contribution Fund	100,000.00
Carry forward	247,549.16
	$2,597,549.16

Proposed by Mr. G. E. Marden and seconded by Sir Robert Calder Marshall.

Following the above meeting, an extraordinary general meeting was held for the purpose of making certain alterations in the Articles of Association.

Fine Achievement of General Smuts in Uniting S. Africa

"War Portrait" of Great South African Leader Broadcast over XCDN by Mr. John Harford

CONTINUING his series of war-portraits over XCDN last Saturday evening, Mr. John Harford took as his subject General Jan Smuts, the great South African leader. General Smuts has been outstanding in his country's affairs for many years, and has performed many services for it. He united South Africa at a time when it was threatened, and again, in 1939, he came to the fore when the threat of Germany spread over Africa. The broadcast follows:—

"It was forty years ago that Jan Christian Smuts made his dramatic drive into Cape Colony which for a moment seemed likely to transform the course of the Boer War.

"This stroke was typical of Smuts, audacious and unexpected, but it was even more typical in being imaginative and planned with a purpose.

"Smuts was the son of a farmer in Cape Colony; a brilliant student he went to Cambridge where he did extremely well; in 1895 he returned to South Africa and started to practise law at the Transvaal bar; at the age of 28 he was chosen by Paul Kruger to be his Attorney General; then came the war.

"After the War Smuts returned to his law practise but the leadership he and Botha had exercised during the war made them the natural persons to whom the Boers turned for guidance in their post war problems. So began the famous partnership of Botha and Smuts; the one bluff solid and full of commonsense, the other keen imaginative and energetic.

"Between them they did great things. By far the greatest being the Union of the four South African Colonies, two old Republics the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, and two old Colonies the Cape and Natal.

Great Achievement

"This achievement, the creation of a new Dominion, was far more the child of Smuts' brain than Botha's ability. It was work after his own heart, making an ideal come true.

"At the outbreak of the last war in 1914 South Africa was divided, but Botha and Smuts stood by the Treaty of Vereeniging signed twelve years before, brought South Africa into the war and after quelling a rebellion, conducted a victorious campaign in South West Africa which ended in the surrender of Germany's oldest Colony.

"Then Smuts was given command of the British Army in East Africa, a gesture of mutual understanding between Boer and Briton, which speaks for itself, and continued his successfull campaign against the Germans.

"In 1917 General Smuts was called to London to attend the Imperial War Cabinet and at this darkest hour of the war his presence made a tremendous impression. So much so that against all precedent Lloyd George made him a member of the British War Cabinet.

"His part in the formation of the Royal Air Force and the defence of London against air attack no less than his foresight in planning the strategy of the war on the continent have been recorded in some of the worthiest pages of British history.

"He was a warm advocate of the League of Nations but a bitter critic of the Versailles Treaty and he returned to South Africa a disillusioned man.

Became Prime Minister

"When General Botha died Smuts became Prime Minister for the first time at the age of fifty, this was in 1919. He held this office until 1924 when he was driven out by Boer extremists, but in 1940, at a moment of the greatest crisis in his country's history, he returned again to become Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa and Minister of External Affairs and Defence.

"The post war years proved to be difficult times for Smuts, Racialism and labour troubles made his task as Prime Minister extremely hard and he was finally defeated by extremists who seemed to threaten all that he had laboured so long to build up.

"His mood, however, even in this moment of adversity was buoyant and optimistic. He believed in his country and in the ability of the people to work out their own destiny. He was proud of their achievements and the challenge which his country offered to European civilization. Then as always he was taking the long view.

"Nine years later Smuts was offered the opportunity of working with the Government of General Hertzog and accepted office as Minister of Justice under his lifelong opponent. That, to him, offered another opportunity of promoting unity between the British and Dutch, and so long as he was helping to put his old ideal into practise his dream of a United South Africa, personal considerations didn't count.

"The years that followed were years of prosperity and peace, but in 1939 Hitler's action brought on a crisis in South Africa which again divided the country into two parties. Hertzog and half his Cabinet plumped for neutrality. Smuts and the other half were for supporting Britain.

Difficult Decision

"For Smuts the decision was hard indeed. He knew that his attitude meant a revival of the old racial war and an end of co-operation; but he saw that what was at stake was a bigger risk than the maintenance of unity. It was a question of survival with an alternative of slavery and it was a question of his country's honour. He didn't hesitate, great statesman as he is, but with his small majority in Parliament formed a Government and became for the second time Prime Minister.

"Smuts foresaw that Africa would become a battlefield and from the moment he took office has worked to make his country strong.

"When war was declared, an expeditionary force was quickly sent from South Africa to the North, and within a few hours of Italy entering the war the South African Air Force started operations.

"Today Smuts stands forth more clearly than ever as the leader of his people; vigorous, far seeing, and shrewd, he is determined to keep Africa free.

"A few days ago, as you may remember, Smuts forecast an early end to the East African fighting, the campaigns in Somaliland and Abyssinia. "Things are going remarkably well" he said. That they are doing so is due to a very large extent to this great patriot soldier and statesman, who having dedicated his life to the attainment of unity and peace for his fellow countrymen, is determined to protect his own achievements against the onslaughts of tyranny and oppression.

Washington Interested In New Railway

Line From Kunming to Lashio Discussed

Washington, Mar. 24.

Officials here yesterday followed with interest press reports of a proposed railway in China's interior parallel to the Burma Road between Kunming and Lashio. Such a railway, they indicated, would be an economically sound proposal if it were efficiently and properly constructed.

There was no official corroboration of Chungking reports that the United States participated in a decision to build the railway, and agreed to aid in floating US$10,000,000 worth of bonds in the United States to finance it or that Dr. Lauchlin Currie, administrative assistant to President Roosevelt recommended construction of the road in his report to President Roosevelt concerning his recent trip to Chungking.

Reports here yesterday from Chungking said two railway technicians and a prominent San Francisco Chinese merchant were en route to the United States from Chungking to arrange details of the project.

Informed sources said plans for the project have been under study in Chungking for a long time but only recent changes in the world outlook made the proposal feasible.

Treasury Department officials said the Treasury had not taken any action with specific reference to the new railway. Mr. Emil Schram, Director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, told the United Press that the Export-Import Bank had made no commitments concerning the railway.—United Press.

New Roads to Be Built

Peiping, Mar. 24.

About $8,570,000 have been appropriated for the building of highways in North China by the Directorate-General of Reconstruction of the North China Political Affairs Commission, states the local Chinese press.

Among the important highways to be built this year are the highway between Tientsin and Tangku and the construction of a bridge at Ching Ching and the iron bridge across the Fen river in the vicinity of Taiyuan.

Repair work will be carried out on the Peiping-Tientsin highway which is in a bad condition.

The construction of the highway between Peiping and Nanyuan has been completed.—Reuter.

Loan Sought

Seeking to obtain a loan for the construction of the Burma-Yunnan Railway parallel to the Burma Highway, a Chungking mission headed by Mr. Tu Chen-yuan, former Director of the Railway Bureau, is scheduled to leave Hongkong by air for the United States. The loan, which Chungking is seeking, is expected to amount to US$10,000,000.

U.S. Paper on Threat of China Civil War

Hopes That New Flare-Up Will be Averted

Washington, Mar. 23.

Asserting that from the viewpoint of western nations the establishment of a Red China closely allied to the Soviet Union would be a disaster, the "Washington Star," commenting on the threat of a renewed flare-up between General Chiang Kai-shek and the Communists, expressed the hope in an editorial today that renewed civil war would be averted.

The journal said that recent despatches indicated that the Communists had recovered from the disciplining administered by Chungking in December, and had presented new demands to General Chiang Kai-shek which, if met, would augment their military importance and give them a stronger political position.

Alliance "Never Was One"

As the demands had been refused, it looked as if they might make trouble, the "Washington Star" commented. The paper pointed out that the alliance between Chungking and the Communists "never was one" because the latter were loyal to Moscow and determined to make China a Communist state, while General Chiang's goal was a national state along western lines based on respect of private property.

The "Washington Star" added in conclusion that a renewed Red-Chiang war might tip the scales in favour of Japan.—Domei.

Substitute Fuel for Manchoukuo Urged

Shortage of Petrol Makes Change Necessary

Changchun, Mar. 24.

In view of the shortage of petrol in Manchoukuo, the use of substitute fuel for cars is being encouraged. The authorities anticipate that by the end of this year 20 per cent. of buses and trucks in this country will be operating on substitute fuel.

Supply of such fuel and materials for setting up machinery for its manufacture are being planned by a special committee. It will be made from coke, charcoal and firewood, also from Talainor coal and coalitre.

Recent tests have proved cars of this type to be effective. Furthermore, a local scientist has just invented a coal lorry which does not need a drop of petroleum.—Reuter.

Madame Chou Fo Hai Visits Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

Madame Chou Fo-hai, wife of the Minister of Finance and concurrently Minister of Police, of the National Government of China in Nanking arrived here at 5.20 o'clock yesterday afternoon for a three weeks' stay.

Madame Chou, who visited Tokyo 20 years ago, was accompanied by her son, Mr. Yu Hai, a student in the First National High School in Tokyo, and her daughter, Miss Hui Hai, who will enter the Catholic Sacred Heart School for Girls in Tokyo.—Domei.

16,520 Wells to Be Dug In North China

Peiping, Mar. 24.

In view of the fact that the farms in many places in North China depend on rain for their watering, North China authorities have ordered 16,520 wells to be dug this year, according to the local Chinese press.

Although 3,000 wells were dug last year by the North China Cotton Improvement Association and the North China Communications Company, they are far from being enough.

The 16,520 wells will be able to water 400,000 mow of field.—Reuter.

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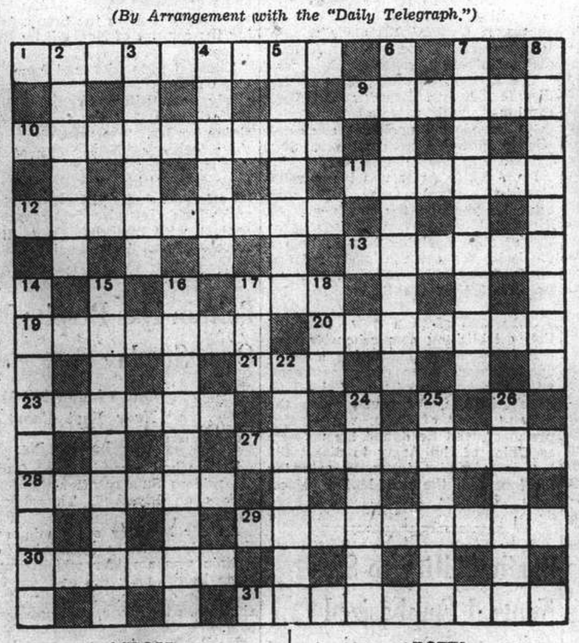

ACROSS

1 Able to read the time one way round anyhow (9)
9 The science responsible for the sunburn in the lad (6)
10 "Come in, Pal." (anag.) (9)
11 Character in "Cymbeline" (6)
12 The very same (9)
13 Found useful by the dramatist (6)
17 "Had we never loved sae blindly, never —— or never parted" (Burns) (3)
19 It sounds as if only Scots made up this club of old (7)
20 Where only one pupil may see and be seen (7)
21 Low part of Nyasa Great Lake (3)
23 Oriental sword (6)
27 An equal quantity is yet supreme (9)
28 African known on the Stock Exchange (6)
29 Sensible (9)
30 Neither unknown in the world of heraldry nor a boy (6)
31 Sad through having been "sat upon" perhaps (9)

DOWN

2 Dolly's changed (6)
3 A superior customer? (6)
4 Insect with a small head and a bad tail (6)
5 This vegetable gives sound advice to fetch beer (7)
6 He finds work for horses not for men (9)
7 Big business at the timber yard? (two words—5, 4)
8 Alone or through a private fairy (two words—2, 7)
14 Sharing a bit with Royalty (9)
15 Little to eat or little to pay for the journey? (two words—5, 4)
16 Generally found in the dumps (9)
17 Work for the typist perhaps (3)
18 One of the flock (3)
22 Like an order generally (three words —2, 1, 4)
24 An occidental sword (6)
25 Seen in a cinema commonly (6)
26 Prevail on in a dictator (6)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Cocktail bar; 8, Cell; 9, Dinner; 12, Iron; 13, Door; 14, Ass; 15, Soft seat; 17, Tallow; 18, Eyebath; 20, Spartan; 24, Author; 26, Overstep; 28, Rum; 29, Deaf; 31, Lean; 32, Ribbon; 33, Lair; 34, Deferential. DOWN: 2, Open; 3, Kelpie; 4, Aldgate; 5, Long stop; 6, Abed; 7, Kiss me Hardy; 8, Coffee; 10, Roll; 11, Drawing pins; 16, Sea; 19, Terrible; 21, Air; 22, Totter; 23, Romance; 25, Tear; 27, Eyelet; 30, File; 31, Lira.

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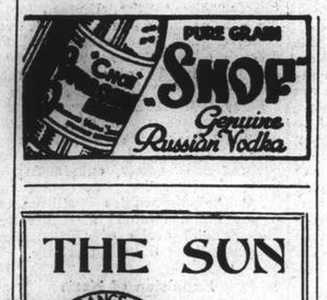

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War Time Conditions In Germany

Problem of Feeding Conquered Peoples

New York, Mar. 24.

Germany thus far has received few serious body blows in the war. German health and morale appear good. German cities by and large have taken nothing like the pounding British cities have suffered.

German youth is still loyal to Chancellor Adolf Hitler — almost fanatically so—and German occupied territories haven't produced too many administrative difficulties.

But the Germans realize they are in a war. I visited the Reich a year ago and again shortly before I came home on furlough. I found some changes.

Even the most optimistic Nazi leaders admit that the longer the war lasts the more serious will become the tasks of administering and feeding the conquered peoples and of curbing sabotage. The longer the war lasts the more danger there will be of diet deficiencies at home.

German victories thus far have kept morale high. Neutral diplomatic observers believe food would have to become considerably more scarce than it is now and that Germany would have to suffer serious military reverses before there would be any marked slump in morale.

"Invasion Bases" Main Target

British bombings apparently have not been on a scale sufficient to affect the civil populations' poise. The Royal Air Force has struck damaging blows but because of distances involved has failed to deliver them consistently. The R.A.F. must scatter its energies from Norway to Africa. Because of the threat of German invasion it has in recent weeks hammered more heavily at the so-called "invasion bases" than it has at points inside Germany.

During ten days I spent in Berlin and Hamburg the British raided Berlin three consecutive nights with small forces and skipped four nights. Hamburg was raided twice in seven days and then there was a ten day lull.

Hamburg, Bremen, Wilhelmshaven, Essen and Mannheim have been the hardest hit of any German cities while most of the harbours on the channel coast have been converted into a shambles. It would be hard to get a rowboat out of Havre.

Most of the damaged buildings I was permitted to see in Berlin, Hamburg and Essen showed that the R.A.F. was using bombs of small calibre because of the necessity of carrying heavy petrol loads.

Weariness

The chief effect of 16 months of war on the Germans I found was a kind of weariness among many sections of the population. This weariness was especially noticeable among persons over 34. It may be due to diet deficiencies, possibly to a combination of causes—the nightly blackouts, air raid alarms, the blockade, war time uncertainties in general and the surprise everybody felt when the conflict continued past Christmas.

I found many examples of "ersatz" particularly in air raid shelters. There was some grumbling. Many Germans wish the war would end—on a compromise basis if necessary.

Fewer Germans are participating in sports than a year ago and general amusement pursuits have slackened. People appear to require more sleep. Many go to bed as soon as they get home from work. Clothes seem a little poorer. There is practically no street traffic because of petrol and oil restrictions.

Apprehension for the future is not exactly rare. A few Nazi officials will admit privately that they have one sizeable worry—the prospect of increased American aid to Great Britain.—United Press.

Famous Linguist Dies

Berlin, Mar. 23.

Master of no less than ninety languages and dialects, some of them among the most difficult in the world, Professor Ludwig Harrald Schnete, one of the most famous philologues, passed away at Frankfurt-on-Main yesterday.

The Professor specialized in Asiatic dialects, particularly Chinese, Japanese and Manchu and has proved the relationship between the language of the peoples in North Siberia and the Redskins in America.

Professor Schnete, who considered the Hungarian language as the most difficult, became famous when, chatting with a group of Red Indians working in a circus, he recognized by their accent that they were Pawnees despite their assertion that they were Sioux Indians.—Havas Telemondial.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Antal	Hsinkong	Chung Hua
Hengshan M.	Keelung	T.K.K.
Heiyuan	Hsinkong	Tung Hsi
Toba M.	Singapore	N.Y.K.
Yawata M.	U.S.A.	N.Y.K.
Nagasaki M.	Japan	T.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Vincent	Am.	A.P.L.
Tsingtao M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
China	Pana.	Texas Co.
Hakuken M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Meiyo	Pana.	T.K.K.
Kasan M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Tsangyuan	Chi.	Showa S.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
D. de Lastra	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D.
Gen. Gamelin	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
L. Carlotto	It.	Gbt.	J-2 B.
Lepanto	It.	Gbt.	1-2 B.

SHIPPING NEWS

The ss. **Nagasaki Maru**, shuttle steamer of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, running between Shanghai and Nagasaki, is due to sail on her return trip to Japan this morning at 9.30, carrying mail and passengers. The liner arrived here yesterday afternoon, tying up at the company's Wayside Wharf. Outgoing passengers for the ship are requested to embark from the wharf direct at least half an hour before sailing time.

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The ss. **Hoten Maru**, express liner of the Dairen Kisen Kaisya, operating on the Shanghai-Tsingtao-Dairen run, arrived in port yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, berthing alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf. The steamer will remain here until tomorrow morning, when she will sail again for the northern ports at 9 o'clock. Registered and ordinary mail for the ship will be closed at the Post Office at 8 o'clock tonight and 7.15 tomorrow morning, respectively.

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The ss. **President Taft**, luxury liner of the American President Lines, is due to enter port this morning at about 8 o'clock, when she will tie up at the lower buoys 11 and 12. Passengers will be brought ashore by tender, the Merry Moller, which will reach the Customs Jetty at about 9 a.m. The liner, which comes here from Hongkong and Manila, will sail for Los Angeles and San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu tomorrow morning, the last tender for outgoing passengers and their luggage leaving the Customs Jetty at 10 a.m.

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive today are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From MANILA & HONGKONG: Pres. Taft, with mail, due 8.15 a.m., Buoys 11-12. Passengers expected at the Customs Jetty about 9 a.m. She will sail for San Francisco and Los Angeles via Kobe and Honolulu, to-morrow. The last tender leaves Customs Jetty at 10 a.m.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

STRAITS AND INDIA

From Bombay		From Karachi	
London M	— 29/3	Haruna M	— 29/3
From Calcutta			
Argun M	— 31/3		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From New York		From Honolulu	
P Grant	— 26/3	Asama M	18/3 7/4
P Jackson	— 26/3	**From Yokohama**	
Sanyo M	— 1/4	Tokiwa M	— 1/4
P Coolidge	— 8/4	Hakone M	— 6/4
H'roku M	— 10/4		
P Hayes	— 18/4		
Tokai M	— 23/4	**From Kobe**	
From Los Angeles		Taiyo M	22/3 26/3
Asama M	10/3 7/4	**From Nagasaki**	
Tatuta M	24/3 28/4	Kobe M	24/3 26/3
From Seattle		S'hai M	27/3 28/3
C Alava	10/3 26/3		
Capillo	10/3 5/4		
C'wn City	20/3 14/4		

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For Karachi		P Grant	27/3
Tokiwa M	2/4	P Jackson	27/3
Hakone M	7/4	Capillo	7/4
For Capetown		Asama M	8/4
P Grant	27/3	P Coolidge	9/4
P Jackson	27/3	Tatuta M	29/3
For New York		**For Hongkong**	
Hokkai M	26/3	P Grant	27/3
P Grant	27/3	P Jackson	27/3
P Jackson	27/3	Capillo	7/4
Awata M	28/3	**For Yokohama**	
Sanyo M	3/4	P Taft	26/3
Hokuroku M	11/4	Haruna M	30/3
P Hayes	17/4	Yawata M	4/4
For Los Angeles		**For Kobe**	
P Taft	26/3	Taiyo M	29/3
Hokkai M	26/3	London M	30/3
P Grant	27/3	**For Nagasaki**	
Yawata M	4/4	Nagasaki M	26/3
P Cleveland	5/4	Kobe M	27/3
Hokuroku M	11/4	Shanghai M	29/3
For Seattle		**For Dairen**	
Cape Alava	26/3	Hoten M	26/3
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Crown City	17/4	Tsingtao M	31/3

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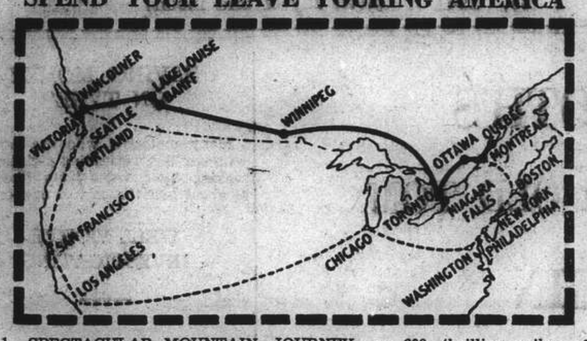

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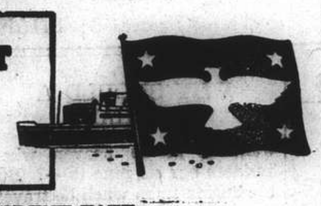

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TO-DAY'S WEATHER PROBABILITIES

Fine and cold weather with haze and fresh northerly breezes around Shantung. Cloudy, fine and cold with fresh to strong north-westerly to north-easterly winds over our regions, to the south of the Saddles and around Pratas.

	At Cathedral	At Siccawei
Temperature yesterday	min. 44.0 max. 52.0	min. 43.0 max. 51.0
„ same day last year.	min. 43.7 max. 55.2	min. 42.8 max. 42.2

NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS

SHANGHAI, TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1941 (28th day of 2nd moon)

AIR AND OCEAN MAILS

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on Mar. 26, 5.30 p.m. registered and 6.30 p.m. ordinary due San Francisco on Apr. 8. Air mails for Europe may be sent by this service to U.S.A. for connection with the P.A.A. Trans-Atlantic Air Service.

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DEATH

McDERMOTT.—On Sunday, March 23, 1941 at The Country Hospital, DENNIS McDERMOTT, aged 59 years, (Yee Tsoong Tobacco Distributors, Ltd.) the dearly-beloved husband of Mrs. Valeria McDermott. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207a Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held today, Tuesday, March 25, 1941, at the Bubbling Well Chapel at 4 p.m.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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TO-DAY'S EVENTS

MARCH

25 Shanghai Club, Annual Meeting, 5.30
25 *Lady Day*

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

26 Annual Meeting China Bible House
27 For Y. Debate-'Grass-Widowers Social Menace' 9 p.m.
27 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg S.I.B.C. 3
27 U.S. Marines/Police Amateur Boxing Smoker, S.V.C. Drill Hall 8.30 p.m.
28 K. A. Persen broadcasting XMHA. 9
29 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc 9 p.m.
30 Shai Municipal Orchestra Lyc. 8.45
30 H.L. On 'The Ball in Savoy' Lyc. 8.45
30 Christian Science Broad. XMHA. 6.30
31 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.

APRIL

1 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.
1 Royal Air Force Association, Annual Dinner at The Dome 8.30
2 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.
3 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.
4 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.
5 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc 3.00
5 A.D.C. 'Merrie England' Lyc. 9 p.m.
6 J.T.A., 'Ten Minute Alibi' Alliance Francaise, 11 Route Vallon at 9. p.m.
7 Engineering Society Meeting 5.45 p.m.
10 British Chamber of Commerce, Annual Meeting 5.15 p.m.
10 China Asso. Annual Meeting 5.15 p.m.
10 Jumble Sale Limbless, U. C. Hall. 9.30 a.m.
13 Christian Science B'cast, XMHA. 6.30
17 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture on 'Ching Teh Chen'

NOTICE

As from date the existing partnership in the firm of Electrical Engineers and Contractors: LARSEN & TROCK has ceased by voluntary agreement.

Mr. E. Trock has purchased Mr. L. Larsen's rights and is continuing the firm of Larsen & Trock for his own account.

L. LARSEN. E. TROCK.

Shanghai, Mar. 15, 1941 11661

NOTICE

LARSEN & TROCK

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NOTICE

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L. LARSEN.

Shanghai, March 15, 1941.

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SHANGHAI LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Associated Clubs are reminded that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Shanghai Engineers' Club, 220 Szechuen Road, on Wednesday, March 26, 1941 at 6 p.m.

All Lawn Bowlers are cordially invited to attend.

By Order of the Committee.

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G. R.

NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the name of the KIRIN MINING CORPORATION LIMITED has been struck off the Register.

Dated at the office of the British Registrar of Companies, Shanghai this twenty-second day of March, 1941.

A. H. GEORGE.
H.B.M. Consul-General and Registrar of Companies at Shanghai.

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NOTICE

The following is published by authority of the Treaty Power Consuls:

The Notice dated February 7, 1941, stating that Wednesday and Thursday, April 2 and 3, 1941, are fixed upon for the election of Councillors and a Land Commissioner for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai for the Municipal Year 1941 is hereby cancelled.

The Foreign Treaty Consuls, in pursuance of the respective provisions of Articles IX and VIA of the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, hereby give notice that Wednesday and Thursday, April 9 and 10, 1941, are fixed upon for the election of Councillors and for the election, by registered owners of land in the Foreign Settlement, of a Land Commissioner for the Municipal Year 1941.

Nomination papers must be delivered to the Secretary and Commissioner General, Shanghai Municipal Council, Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road, not later than 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, April 1, 1941.

(Sgd.) POUL SCHEEL,
Consul General for Denmark and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, March 24, 1941. 11567

NOTIFICATION No. 5414

Final Voting List

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the final Voting List published under the provisions of Land Regulation XIX of persons duly qualified to vote at the Election of Members of Council and the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, revised and corrected to March 2, 1941, in accordance with Municipal Notification No. 5394, dated February 7, 1941, is exhibited in the lobby of the Council Chamber, Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road, and at all Police Stations, where it is available for inspection by interested ratepayers.

Copies to be exhibited in Consulates, foreign national organisations, bodies and clubs may be obtained upon application to the Deputy Treasurer—Revenue, Revenue Office, Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road, (Telephone 12810 Extension 29), to whom all enquiries concerning the Voting List should be addressed.

Enquiries in regard to the Voting List should not be addressed to the Secretariat.

By order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, March 24, 1941. 11668

THE CULITY DAIRY CO., LD.

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances of Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Culity Dairy Co., Ltd. will be held at the offices of the Secretaries, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, No. 2 Peking Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, April 8, 1941, at 11.45 a.m.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive and approve the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ended December 31, 1940.
2. To declare a Dividend
3. To elect a Director
4. To elect Auditors
5. To transact any ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Transfer Book and Register of Members will be closed from April 3 to April 8, 1941 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS.
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Shanghai, March 22, 1941.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from the March 19 to the March 25, 1941, both days inclusive,

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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March 13, 1941.

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The books of the corporation will be closed from March 28 to 31, 1941, both days inclusive, to all transfers of Seven Per Cent. Cumulative Preferred Stock. Dividend checks will be dispatched March 31, 1941.

KENNETH LOCK,
Assistant Secretary.

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THE SHANGHAI CLUB

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong)

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Shanghai Club will be held in the Club House TO-DAY, March 25, 1941, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order of the Committee.

F. S. WARD,
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The Shanghai Club.

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Meteorological Reports	Mar. 23 16.00	Mar. 23 21.00	Mar. 24 4.00	Mar. 24 9.00
Barometer (inches)	29.98	30.11	30.26	30.37
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.10	+0.22	+0.56	+0.56
at 32 F. („ 12 hrs.)	+0.28	+0.30	+0.28	+0.26
Wind (direction)	NNW	NNW	NNE	NNE
„ (miles per hour	11.8	9.9	13.1	14.9
Temperature (Fahr.)	48.0°	47.7°	45.3°	46.4°
Humidity (per cent)	93	87	70	62
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	9	9
Rainfall (inches)	0.11	0.06	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report Mar. 23	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.90	—0.03	30.15
Temperature: min. — max. —	—	—	48.6°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	9.24	0.53	68.2

Time and Tide	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.53	5.52	5.51	5.50	5.49	5.47	5.46
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.08	18.09	18.10	18.11	18.11	18.12	18.12
Moon rises at Shanghai	4.15	4.50	5.24	5.58	6.32	7.06	7.42
Moon sets at Shanghai	15.56	16.50	17.43	18.36	19.28	20.20	21.12
Flood makes Shai. (day)	9.21	10.12	10.55	11.27	11.45	12.05	12.35
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	14.00	14.48	15.35	16.10	16.40	17.03	17.21
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	11.15	11.40	12.15	12.50	13.10	13.40	14.05
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	9.64	8.90	9.78	10.10	10.30	9.90	9.42

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 23rd:—Normal to low and rising pressure over China: falling over Japan. Depression crossing the Eastern Sea east-north-eastward. Fresh northerly to easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine and cold weather in the north. Overcast, cold, rainy in our regions.

State on the morning of the 24th:—Overcast and cold weather. North-north-westerly wind. High and rising pressure.—Siccawei Observatory.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

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The following times apply to the Head Post Office Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

	Reg.	Ord.
TUESDAY, March 25.		
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Swatow and Hongkong	8.30	9.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo and Tientsin	9.30	10.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Amoy and Canton	16.30	17.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
WEDNESDAY, March 26.		
Tsingtao and Dairen	*20.00	7.15
Japan (via Kobe) Honolulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific	A*20.00	7.30
Amoy Swatow and Canton	x*20.00	8.00
Hongkong and Canton	*20.00	8.30
Shenkiamen and Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon India and Suez (via Colombo)	B 17.00	18.30
Hongkong and Canton	18.00	18.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
THURSDAY, March 27.		
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Amoy and Hongkong	8.30	9.00
Tsingtao Chefoo Weihaiwei (via Chefoo) and Tientsin	9.30	10.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	18.30	20.00

* The night before
A Parcel mail (for Honolulu and U.S.A.) closes at 16.00 on 25th.
B Parcel mail (for S.S., F.M.S., Ceylon and India) closes at 16.00 on 26th.
X Provisional time subject to alterations

Canton-Hanoi-Bangkok Air Mail

Air mails close every Sunday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. for registered and ordinary for transmission per Shanghai-Canton Air Line to connect with the aeroplane leaving Canton on every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and for Bangkok on every Friday. The air mails may also be sent per available steamer to Canton via Hongkong.

Netherlands K.L.M. Air Mail Service (Batavia-Lydda) per steamer on Mar. 26, at 5.30 p.m. for registered and 6.30 p.m. for ordinary.

Royal Netherlands Indies Airways per steamer on March 28 at 4 p.m. for registered and at 4.30 p.m. for ordinary.

Domestic Air Mail

Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 1 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. at Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 12.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Hwaining Kiukiang and Hankow per Shanghai-Hankow Air Line daily at 10.30 p.m.

Ningsia, Shensi, Szechuen, Yunnan Kweichow; Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west to Hongkong for the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Peiping, Tientsin, Tsinan, Tungshan, Kalgan, Tatung, Kweisui, Paotow, Shanhaikwan, Shihkiachwang, Changte, Kaifeng, Taiyuan and Yuncheng by the planes of the Chung Hwa Air Transport Co. close at 9.30 p.m.

Tsingtao per Shanghai-Tsingtao-Dairen Air Line close at 10.30 p.m.

Canton per Shanghai-Canton Air Line close at 10.30 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 10 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 10 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Via S.H.N.R. 1.30 p.m. for Sungkiang and Hangchow 1.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

North Pinghan and Lunghai Line at 10 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Wuhu, Tatung, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 10 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Remark: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe and U.S.S.R. via Siberia despatched per trains via Nanking and T'sin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains, (for time of closing see above).

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Class (A). Those who have reached their 16th birthday but not their 18th birthday.

Class (B). Those who have reached their 13th birthday but not their 16th birthday.

The following prizes will be given:

For Class (A). A prize of the value of $300 for the boy who obtains the highest marks, and a prize of $300 for the girl who obtains the highest marks, in the examination.

A special prize of $250 for the boy or girl the child of a Lancastrian who obtains the highest marks amongst the children of Lancastrians entering for the examination. Unless there are at least three candidates this scholarship may, at the discretion of the Committee, be withheld.

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All prizes to be chosen by the successful candidates and approved by the Committee.

No candidate will be permitted to take more than one prize.

No prize will be awarded on less than 50 per cent of the maximum marks obtainable.

Candidates must be resident in Shanghai and must be the children of Englishmen and must not have reached their eighteenth birthday on the day of the examination.

The examination will be held at the temporary Church House, Cathedral Compound, 243 Kiangse Road, commencing at 9 a.m. Candidates are expected to be in the Examination Room by 8.45 a.m.

Candidates will be examined in the following subjects:

	Marks
1. English Composition, English Essay.	200
2. English Literature. A paper to test candidates' knowledge of General English Literature and the book "Oliver Twist" (Charles Dickens).	200
3. English History (1688-1914).	200
4. Mental Tests and General Knowledge.	200
Twenty-five marks will be awarded to each paper for Spelling and Handwriting.	100
5. Reading Aloud.	100
	Marks 1000

Forms of entry may be obtained from the undersigned to whom they must be returned not later than March 28th.

E. E. PARSONS,
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CHURCH HOUSE,
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March 5, 1941. 11659

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